

# REPORTS *Case*

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

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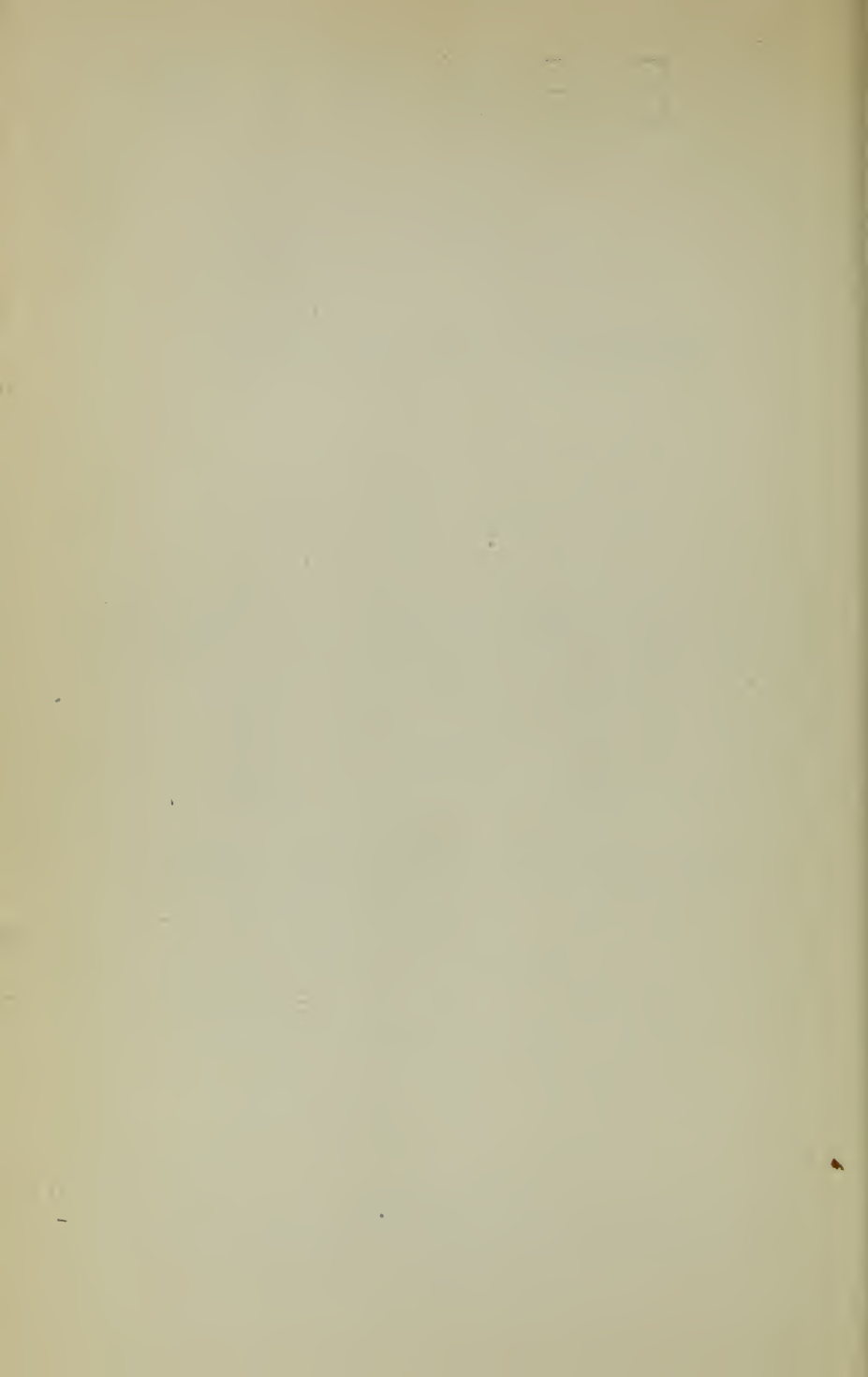
## SOUTHBIDGE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.



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# TOWN OFFICERS, 1880-1.

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CLERK,

HENRY A. MORSE.

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TREASURER,

FRANCIS L. CHAPIN.

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SELECTMEN,

JOHN TATTERSON, A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS SANDERS.

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

CALVIN A. PAIGE, SYLVESTER DRESSER, JACOB BOOTH.

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ASSESSORS,

DANIEL WHITFORD, SOLOMON THAYER, HENRY CLARKE.

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AUDITORS,

MANNING LEONARD, JULIUS S. GLEASON, ALBERT W. MARTIN.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

M. LEONARD, Term expires 1881.	E. M. PHILLIPS, Term expires 1882.
T. J. HARRINGTON, " 1881.	JOSEPH JAGGER, " 1882.
WM. HALLORAN, " 1881.	GEO. H. MELLEN, " 1882.
SAMUEL M. LANE, Term expires 1883.	
WILLIAM R. PATON, " 1883.	
DR. G. G. BULFINCH, " 1883.	

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REV. B. V. STEVENSON, Term expires 1881.

ELISHA M. PHILLIPS, Term expires 1882.

GEO. M. WHITAKER, Term expires 1883.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

S. P. IRWIN, JR., Term expires 1881. | L. S. AMMIDOWN, Term expires 1882.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW, " 1881. | EDWIN BACON, " 1882.

J. O. MCKINSTRY, Term expires 1883.

GEO. W. WELLS, " " 1883.

## FENCE VIEWERS,

WM. H. H. CHENEY, JAMES BROWN, SOLOMON THAYER.

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,

SAMUEL T. CUTTING, DANFORTH DOUTY, SAMUEL WILLIAMS.  
JOHN E. CLEMENCE, LEONARD R. MATTERSON.

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,

CHAS. HYDE,	JOHN M. CHENEY,	DANFORTH DOUTY,
JULIUS S. GLEASON,	PATRICK KELLY,	P. N. LE CLAIR,
GEO. H. THAYER,	WM. E. ALDEN, JR.,	FRANK D. DRESSER,
GEO. K. DRESSER,	AUGUSTUS COOK,	E. B. CUMMINGS,
J. M. OLNEY,	HENRY A. MORSE,	JOHN E. CLEMENCE,
L. R. MATTERSON,	CHAS. W. WELD,	SYLVESTER DRESSER,
J. F. B. LITCHFIELD.		

## FIELD DRIVERS,

WM. H. SANDERS, District No. 1.	SAM'L T. CUTTING, District No. 2.
HENRY FREEMAN, " " 3.	OTIS LYON, " " 4.
H. SCARBOROUGH, " " 5.	DANIEL MORSE, " " 6.

HORACE WALKER, District No. 7.

## FIRE ENGINEERS,

GEO. A. DRESSER, CHIEF.

AZEL THOMPSON,\* 1ST ASSIST.      GEO. W. WELLS, 2ND ASSIST.

WM. BOOTH, 3D ASSIST AND CLERK.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

HORACE W. BACON.

## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR,

A. H. SHEPARD.

## CONSTABLES,

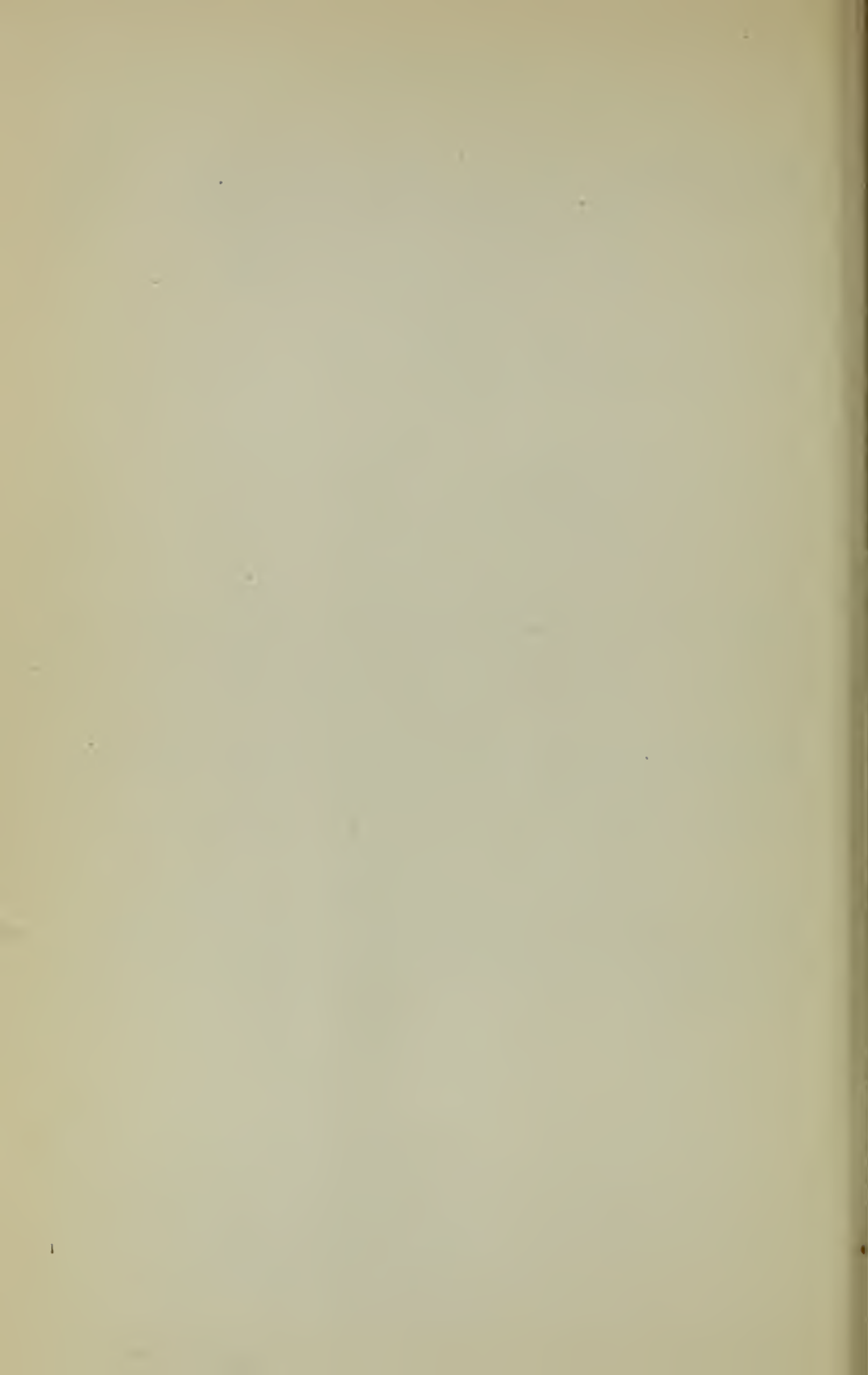
GEORGE H. THAYER, BRAD. C. STONE, JOSEPH S. BARTLETT,  
A. H. SHEPARD, JOSEPH M. OLNEY.

## POLICE OFFICERS,

MARCUS DILLABER,	A. S. BUELL,	H. W. BACON,
CHAS. E. SAMMONS,	THOMAS POTTER,	PLINY M. CLARK,
F. E. PARKER.		

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\*Acting Chief since January 1.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
AUDITORS  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# PLAN OF AUDITORS' REPORT.

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## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND  
EXPENDITURES of the several departments au-  
thorized to draw orders, for the fiscal year  
ending March 1st, A. D. 1881.

I.—CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

II.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

III.—OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

IV.—SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

V.—SELECTMEN.

## VALUATIONS.

## TABULAR STATEMENTS.



# THE ACCOUNT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

As presented by him, is herewith submitted, having been examined and found correct.

F. L. CHAPIN, *Treasurer*, in account with the Town of Southbridge for the year ending, February 28, 1881.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1880 .....	\$	30	50
Due from C. E. Cady, collector.....		255	79
Due from S. Thayer, collector.....		1,510	83
State tax... ..	\$	2,625	00
County tax.....		2,546	00
Bank tax and over-layings... ..		3,083	99
Centre watch district do.....		704	42
Over-layings on taxes... ..		621	32
Assessments omitted.....		551	76
Payment of debts.....		10,900	00
Common schools.. ..		5,400	00
Discount on taxes.....		4,800	00
Highways .....		3,500	00
Outside poor.. ..		3,500	00
Engine men.....		2,216	00
Interest .....		1,700	00
High school .....		1,700	00

Amounts carried forward..... \$43,848 49 \$1,797 12

Amounts brought forward.....	\$43,848 49	\$1,797 12
Support of poor .....	1,500 00	
Street lights.....	1,400 00	
Salaries .....	1,400 00	
Public library .....	1,300 00	
Abatement taxes.....	1,000 00	
Fire department .....	800 00	
Hamilton street wall .....	650 00	
Contingent account schools.....	650 00	
Cemetery improvements....	600 00	
South street.....	500 00	
Contingent expenses.....	500 00	
Columbian road .....	300 00	
Printing.....	250 00	
Bridges .....	200 00	
Sidewalks .....	200 00	
Police station contingent.....	175 00	
Everett street entrance .....	150 00	
Decoration .....	100 00	
Railing highways ...	100 00	
Insurance .....	100 00	
Telephone fire alarm .....	50 00	
	<hr/>	55,773 49
State treasurer, corporation tax.....	1,962 39	
Bank tax.....	573 39	
State aid ...	232 00	
Income Massachusetts school fund.....	204 22	
Discount on bank tax .....	227 80	
Collecting and assessing do.....	20 50	
Error bank tax.....	3 77	
Dog fund .....	282 91	
Liquor licenses.....	650 00	
Sidewalk assessment .....	605 31	
Cemetery fund.....	450 00	
Insurance account, Geo. Martin.....	440 00	
Center watch district.....	400 00	
Charlton, account John Reynold...	194 00	
Oxen sold .....	135 00	
Produce sold.....	128 53	
C. A. Paige, account M. O'Brien.....	96 00	
Public library, books, cards, fines, &c....	77 93	
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Amount carried forward .....	\$64,234 36	

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Amount brought forward .....\$64,284<sup>36</sup>

Licenses .....	60 50
Dudley, account A. Deon.....	48 22
Fines from district court .....	40 00
Henry Fiske, toward support Lydia Fiske.....	39 00
Old iron sold Isaac Clark .. ....	20 80
Sturbridge bridge account.....	17 95
Police station fees.....	15 25
Sturbridge highway account.....	11 50
Overseers of poor, town order returned .....	10 00
Brimfield, account Samuel Bond.....	8 50
Printing bill error .....	4 75
Outside poor account, Railroad ticket returned.....	4 42
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	16,500 00
Money borrowed for specific purposes.....	3,500 00
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	\$84,565 25

## EXPENDITURES.

Common schools .....	\$ 6,406 07
Outside poor.....	5,440 13
Discount on taxes.....	4,776 95
Almshouse .....	3,660 00
Highways .....	2,920 82
State tax .....	2,625 00
County tax.....	2,546 00
Bank tax.....	2,278 04
Engine men.....	2,240 00
Public library.....	1,775 31
Support of poor.....	1,765 44
High school.....	1,743 08
Interest.....	1,741 13
Street lights.....	1,388 99
Salaries .....	1,347 74
Centre watch district.....	1,145 87
Fire department.....	859 82
Abatement of taxes.....	721 86
Hamilton street wall.....	694 19

Amount carried forward .....\$46,076 44

Amount brought forward .....	\$46,076 44
Contingent expenses.....	674 82
Cemetery improvements.....	658 31
Contingent account schools.....	633 60
Bridges .....	308 13
Columbian road.....	285 56
Sidewalks .....	283 64
Printing .....	277 52
State aid.....	256 00
Police station contingent.....	174 54
State treasurer liquor license.....	162 50
South street.....	161 25
Everett street entrance.....	123 00
Insurance .....	91 20
Marcy street sidewalk....	71 55
Decoration .....	67 00
Telephone.....	40 07
Railing highways....	29 02
School apparatus.....	27 84
Main and Pleasant street sidewalk.....	12 10
Sayles street.....	7 00
Note to John Marcy, dated April 15, 1875.....	5,000 00
Note to Southbridge Savings Bank, dated July 21, 1879.....	2,500 00
Note to Southbridge Savings Bank, dated Dec. 9, 1879.....	2,000 00
Note to Southbridge Savings Bank, dated Feb. 27, 1880.....	1,400 00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.....	16,500 00
Due from H. W. Bacon, collector.....	\$4,954 54
Due from S. Thayer, collector.....	1,364 77
Cash on hand.....	424 85
	<hr/> 6,744 16
	<hr/> \$84,565 25



# NOTES OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 28, 1881.

Date of Notes.	To whom given.	Amounts.	Payable.	Rate of interest.
Aug. 8, 1876	Lucy H. Stowe.....	\$5,000	1881	5 percent.
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.....	5,000	1882	5 "
Sept. 17, 1877	Brown, Riley & Co.....	5,000	1883	5 "
Jan. 1, 1881	F. L. Chapin.....	3,500	Demand	4 1-2 "
		\$18,500		



# RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

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## CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

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### CEMETERY AVENUE.

#### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at April meeting, 1880.....	\$	150 00
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#### EXPENDITURES.

For labor.....	\$	76 01
John Stone, for laying wall.....		17 00
Labor of teams.....		24 33
Materials for fences.....		3 15
Sharpening tools.....		2 51
	—————\$	123 00
Balance to credit this account.....	\$	27 00

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### CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880....	\$	72 88
Appropriation, April meeting, 1880.....		600 00
	—————\$	672 88

## EXPENDITURES.

George L. Winter, 2 hoes....	\$	90	
J. M. Cheney, grading lots at old entrance		15	00
S. Williams, roller for plan and notices...		6	50
Morse Bros., grass seed .....		2	10
Moses Wilcox, bill for flowers and plants.		26	75
Charles D. Thayer, flowers .....		15	00
	—————	\$	66 25
Christopher Abbott, for woodbines for entrance ..			5 00
For work on Oak Ridge avenue:			
For work of men .....	\$168	21	
For use of teams .....		92	23
For laying wall .....		56	30
For repairs of tools .....		3	16
	—————		319 90
For work on improvements:			
For work of men .....	164	82	
For use of teams .....		73	59
For manure furnished.....		9	00
For fencing materials .....		4	00
For repairs of tools ....		85	
	—————		252 26
Samuel Williams, for roller for plan .....		3	95
Cummings & Conant, for spade.....			95
Edwin Bacon, for removing bodies .....		5	00
	—————		9 90
Duplicate order to Christopher Abbott, paid.....			5 00
	—————		658 31
Balance to credit of this account.....			14 57
Outstanding bill for date block in cemetery front,			
Woodbury & Lamson .....			38 00

## COHASSE STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, July 15, 1878 .....\$ 150 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.. ....\$ 150 00



# LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	157	68
Appropriation .....		1,300	00
Dog fund, 1879.....		291	85
Catalogues, fines, &c.....		77	93
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
			\$1,827 46

### EXPENDITURES.

Lee & Shepard and others, books.....	\$	509	93
Magazines and newspapers... ..		134	15
Readers & Writers Economy Co., paper for cover- ing books.....		33	03
F. D. Morse & Son, binding books and papers....		43	35
Geo. M. Whitaker, cards and printing.....		6	95
Thomas Todd, cards and printing.....		10	47
Readers & Writers Economy Co., loan desk, &c...		16	88
Card case, &c.....		46	75
H. Hobbs, labor on desk, &c.....		4	66
G. S. Truesdell, sheathing shelves, &c.....		20	95
Wm. C. Barnes, record book .....		1	88
P. M. Clarke, varnishing, &c.....		13	25
Cummings & Conant, repairing water pipes, putting in ventilator, &c ... ..		27	21
Southbridge Coal company, coal .....		15	00
E. S. Ellis, coal .....		32	27
W. P. Plimpton, wood.....		5	90
Mutual Gaslight Co., gas for the year.....		144	91
A. J. Comins, services as librarian.....		600	00
Care of rooms and expenses.... ..		107	77
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
			\$ 1,775 31
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	52	15

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881 .....	\$165 13
Appropriation .....	1,500 00
Produce sold .....	44 49
Hay sold .....	54 22
Veal sold .....	12 32
Cash from Cummings & Conant.....	17 50
Calvin A. Paige, guardian to Michael O'Brien...	96 00
	<hr/> \$1,889 66

### EXPENDITURES.

George F. Northrup and wife, services from January 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881 .....	454 16
George F. Northrup, 1 yoke and bows.....	5 00
George F. Northrup, expenses to Prescott for Mrs. Sedgwick .....	11 55
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries.....	107 71
Ellis & Cook, groceries.....	69 63
Guy & Brothers, groceries.....	224 86
Olney & Lescault, groceries .....	62 17
Morse Brothers, groceries .....	49 84
L. N. Holden & Co., groceries ...	20 06
M. J. Surprenant, meat .....	17 65
Bemis Brothers, meat.....	15 83
M. M. Marble & Co., meat .....	151 39
T. Potter & Co., fish .....	45 16
Blanchard & Quevillon, dry goods..	7 32
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,242 33

Amount brought forward .....	\$1,242 33	
C. D. Paige & Co., clothing, boots and shoes ...	79 67	
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., dry goods ... ..	57 42	
Chipman & Armes, crackers.....	10 00	
Cummings & Conant, hardware .....	16 70	
George L. Winter, hardware ....	38 56	
Joseph Williams, 1 cook stove and pipe .....	50 70	
Hardware .....	2 26	
George S. Stone, shoeing oxen and repairs .....	15 63	
John King, shoeing oxen .....	2 75	
Dr. L. W. Curtis, medical attendance at farm from April 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880.....	50 00	
Dr. Geo. G. Bulfinch, medical attendance at farm from April 1, 1880, to April 1, 1881 ..	50 00	
George C. Shepard, medicine .....	11 06	
I. Badger, repairing boots and shoes .....	5 66	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber.....	13 38	
Nelson Vinton, lumber .....	96	
Butchering hogs.....	3 00	
Potatoes .....	1 50	
Drawing hay .....	1 00	
James H. Mason, potatoes .....	4 00	
V. E. Walker, potatoes.....	5 00	
Vegetables .....	2 24	
Joseph Clarke, 5 pigs .....	18 00	
James Ryan, 8 1-2 days' labor, (hayng).....	10 63	
Edwin Bacon, 3 calves .....	13 50	
Michael Farrell, repairing set kettle .....	6 25	
Edward Whitney, 1 order book .....	6 50	
Samuel Williams, coffin for Mrs. Muldooney .....	7 50	
Coffin and robe for J. S. Luc .....	10 25	
Alexander Beebo, digging grave for J. S. Luc...	1 75	
Jacob Booth, team to town farm.....	1 00	
Painting shed at farm.....	12 19	
George H. Thayer, moving Mathias Ryan to farm	1 00	
Moving Mrs. Muldooney to farm .....	1 00	
Town of Glocester, R. I., care of Chas. Congdon..	12 05	
	<hr/>	1,765 44
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		124 22
Gain of personal property at farm.....		390 82
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		\$515 04

## OUTSIDE POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	17 74
Appropriations .....	3,500 00	
Life Insurance of Geo. Martin.....	440 00	
Town of Brimfield, support of Samuel S. Bond...	8 50	
Additional appropriation.....	1,200 00	
Town of Charlton, support of John Reynolds.....	194 00	
Town of Dudley, support of A. Deon... ..	48 22	
Alex Latelle, railroad ticket returned.....	4 42	
Henry Fiske, support of Lydia Fiske.....	39 00	
Received for order No. 171, overdrawn in 1879....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,461 88

## EXPENDITURES.

P. H. Carpenter, goods delivered to Mrs.

Peter Stone. ....	151 00	
Goods to Arnum Charbneau..	3 00	
Goods to James Coughlan.....	21 00	
Goods to Esther Clark.....	5 00	
Goods to Mrs. Rodger Hickey..	4 00	
Goods to Mrs. Twombly .....	2 00	
Goods to Mrs. Lamont.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	189 00

W. E. Alden &amp; Co., goods delivered to

Mrs. Muldony.....	1 00	
Goods to Patrick Gleason.....	67 03	
Goods to Mrs. Philip Cross....	118 00	
Goods to Peter Larochel.....	8 00	
Goods to Mrs. P. O'Brian.....	96 00	
Goods to John Murphy .....	18 00	
Goods to Michel Littleton.....	6 00	
Goods to John Gomo.....	26 00	
Goods to Mrs. John Parker ...	35 00	
Goods to Joseph Bracket.....	2 30	
Goods to Richard Welch.....	6 00	
Goods to Louis Goodroe.....	2 00	
Goods to Mrs. M. Shea.....	1 50	

Amounts carried forward..      \$386 83      \$189 00

Amounts brought forward.	\$386 83	\$189 00
W. E. Alden & Co., goods to Thos. Laduke	3 00	
Goods to P. Benjamin.....	4 00	
Goods to Gilbert Letcher....	12 00	
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Patrick Kelly, goods delivered to Mrs.		
John Calahan .....	48 00	
Goods to Patrick Eagan.....	76 50	
Goods to James Brown, 2d....	183 00	
Goods to Stephen Day....	157 50	
Goods to Margaret Murphy....	2 00	
Goods to Mrs. Mary Coughlan.	15 50	
Goods to Richard Welch.....	2 00	
Goods to Michel Littleton.....	57 98	
Goods to A. Deon.....	1 25	
Goods to Mrs. Hickey .....	2 00	
	<hr/>	545 73
J. S. Gleason, goods delivered to Mrs. A.		
Herber .....	247 00	
Goods to T. J. Gregory.....	88 00	
Goods to Ebenezer Clark.....	2 00	
Goods to Peter Letcher.....	18 00	
Goods to Andrew Moots.....	135 00	
Goods to John Reynolds.....	174 00	
Goods to Margaret Murphy....	16 00	
Goods to Nellie Marhar.....	22 00	
Goods to A. Deon.....	20 95	
Goods to Mrs. A. Nolan .....	18 00	
Goods to Charles Farro.....	8 00	
Goods to Peter Larochel .....	7 00	
Goods to David Bassett.....	4 00	
Goods to Mrs. Rodger Hickey..	2 00	
Goods to Joseph Reno.....	65 50	
	<hr/>	827 45
S. Thayer & Son, goods d'd Alonzo Martin	110 96	
Goods d'd Mrs. John Parker..	4 00	
	<hr/>	114 96
Olney & Lescault, goods d'd Mrs. C. White	133 00	
Goods d'd Mrs. Adolph. Lages	48 00	
Goods d'd Mrs. Leblace....	42 00	
	<hr/>	223 00
Amount carried forward .....		<hr/> \$2,305 97

Amount brought forward .....	\$2,305 97	
Ellis & Cook, goods d'd Mrs. Wm. Hall. ....	175 41	
Goods d'd Esther Clark.....	12 13	
Goods d'd Emory Rivers.....	74 50	
Goods to Louis Rivers.....	130 45	
Goods d'd Mrs. King.....	24 00	
Goods d'd Mrs. J. Hogan... .	33 00	
Goods d'd Feb Scarbo.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	455 49
Guy & Bros., goods to Mrs. M. Shea.....	210 00	
Goods to A. Sherbeno... ..	39 00	
Goods to A. H. Barrett.....	2 00	
Goods to Peter Lamont.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	257 00
Morse Bros., goods to Geo. Martin.....	106 00	
Goods to Anthony Duplacy ...	70 00	
Goods to Joseph Vancelette ...	22 00	
Goods to Mrs. Wm. Hall.....	3 50	
	<hr/>	201 50
LeClair & Son, goods to Louis Lavalli....	134 81	
Goods to Henry Diorme.....	15 31	
Goods to Narcisse Brodeur, Jr.	15 00	
Goods to Chas. Fairon.....	2 00	
Goods to Telesphare Leduc....	3 00	
Goods to Henry Bassett. ....	6 00	
Goods to Simeon Young.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	180 12
M. M. Marble & Co., goods to Esther Clark	5 75	
Goods to Emory Rivers.....	33 17	
Goods to Louis Rivers.....	15 28	
Goods to Ebenezer Clark .....	28	
	<hr/>	54 48
Bemis Bros., goods to Esther Clark.....	5 00	
Goods to Mrs. Anthony Duplacy	2 00	
	<hr/>	7 00
J. H. Kelly, goods to Mrs. Hickey.....		5 00
M. J. Suprenant, goods to Mrs. A Duplacy	26 00	
Goods to Mrs. Mary Lamont ..	2 00	
	<hr/>	28 00
Carpenter, Irwin & Co., goods to Joseph		
Bracket for Rooney boy.....	2 68	
Ticket to Boston for tramp....	2 10	
	<hr/>	4 78
Amount carried forward .....	\$3,499 34	

Amount brought forward . . . . .	\$3,499 34	
L. Wesley Curtis, mdse. to Mrs. Shea . . . . .	5 00	
Mdse. to Mrs. Jerry Hogan . . . . .	10 00	
Mdse. to Mrs. John Parker . . . . .	8 00	
Mdse. to John Reynolds . . . . .	10 00	
		33 00
Bugbee & Wheeler, mdse. to A. Deon . . . . .	6 38	
Mdse. to A. Moots . . . . .	5 08	
Mdse. to Louis Lazelle . . . . .	8 54	
Mdse. to Peter Larochel . . . . .	2 85	
Mdse. to James Brown 2d . . . . .	4 50	
Mdse. to John Gomo . . . . .	10 35	
Mdse. to H. Rivers . . . . .	3 95	
Mdse. to Mrs. Shea . . . . .	44 69	
Mdse. to Mrs. John Keough . . . . .	2 76	
Mdse. to Mrs. Douglass . . . . .	1 00	
Mdse. to Mrs. A. Herber . . . . .	9 66	
Mdse. to Joseph Reno . . . . .	8 92	
Mdse. to Michael Littleton . . . . .	5 95	
Goods to Mrs. A. Nolan . . . . .	75	
Goods to Feb Scarbo . . . . .	2 03	
Goods to David Pateneau . . . . .	1 50	
Goods to P. Benjamin . . . . .	4 25	
Goods to John Murphy . . . . .	5 50	
		128 66
C. D. Paige, wood to Esther Clark . . . . .	2 00	
Clothing to Rooney boy . . . . .	3 15	
Clothing to Jerry Hogan . . . . .	8 25	
Shoes to Mrs. Parley Laffin . . . . .	1 25	
Clothing to J. Muldooney . . . . .	7 50	
Clothing to Peter Garro . . . . .	7 00	
		29 15
Alex. Lataille, bread to A. Moots, 30 weeks . . . . .	30 00	
Aid to Joseph Caga family . . . . .	21 25	
Railroad ticket to Canada for Peter Garro . . . . .	8 85	
Railroad ticket to St. John for Margaret Shenernait . . . . .	8 50	
		68 60
Dandurand & Derossier, bread to Michael Littleton . . . . .		5 00
J. J. Oakes, goods to Ebenezer Clarke . . . . .		6 00
Michael Delhanty, milk to Mrs. John Keough . . . . .		6 10
Amount carried forward . . . . .	\$3,775 85	



Amount brought forward.....	\$3,775 85	
Leon Cadotte, rent for Henry Rivers ....	16 00	
Rent for Emory Rivers.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	34 00
Hamilton Woolen Co., rent for S. Day....	30 38	
Rent for John Reynolds .....	10 00	
Wood for Mrs. Herber ... ..	11 38	
	<hr/>	51 76
Dresser Manufacturing Co., rent for Mrs.		
Peter Stone .... ..	96 00	
Rent for Ebenezer Clarke .....	3 30	
	<hr/>	99 30
John Buchan, rent for Mrs. Herber.....	28 00	
Rent for Mrs. Herber .....	20 00	
	<hr/>	48 00
Asylum for Chronic Insane, for support		
Lydia Fiske .....		172 54
Worcester Lunatic Asylum, support of		
Catherine Tynan .....	181 99	
Support of Daniel Smith .....	203 42	
Support of Mrs. Chas. Newhall.	17 85	
Support of Edwards Hill, Jr...	46 22	
	<hr/>	449 48
C. Begin, fare to Worcester for A. Deon..	2 00	
Rent for A. Deon.....	2 00	
Medicine for Henry Rivers ....	1 00	
Mrs. Marrette, board of Nellie		
Meagher.... ..	5 00	
Board of Mrs. J. Keough .....	10 00	
Moving Louis Laravier.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	21 00
City of Springfield, aid rendered Louis		
Bulgiac .....		4 25
Town of Prescott, aid rendered Esther		
Sedgwick.....		45 00
Town of Webster, 1 coffin for child of		
Louis Shaw.....	3 50	
Digging grave.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	5 50
Town of Spencer, aid rendered Charles		
Gadditte .....	3 32	
Aid rendered Chas. Rivers.....	90	
Aid rendered Joseph Collett...	8 53	
Aid rendered John Shepard...	39 12	
	<hr/>	51 87
Amount carried forward .....		\$4,758 55



## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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Amount brought forward.....	\$4,758 55	
Town of Sturbridge, medical attendance and medicine, [for], Fannie Nedson .....		7 75
Town of North Brookfield, aid rendered Chas. Goddard.....		70 02
State of Massachusetts, support of Ed- ward H. Hill at Worcester lunatic hospital.....		101 14
City of Worcester, board, nursing [and clothing furnished Henry Lovely while sick with small pox, \$30 00; medical attend- ance, \$12 00; burial expenses, \$28 00....	70 00	
Medical attendance and medi- cine furnished A. J. McKin- stry.....	14 95	84 95
T. S. Wheelock, rent, Mrs. Philip Cross....		62 50
Central Mills Co., rent, Amene Charbaneau	6 00	
Rent, Paul Martins....	3 00	
Wood to Paul Martins.....	2 62	
Wood to Amene Charbaneau..	8 62	
Wood to Mrs. Wm. Hall.....	21 00	
	<hr/>	41 24
W. P. Plimpton, wood to Esther Clark.....		6 38
Cummings & Conant, wood to Esther Clark	4 50	
Wood to Mrs. Wm. Hall.....	11 61	
	<hr/>	16 11
Luther Marcy, wood to Mrs. Wm. Hall...	4 00	
Wood to Esther Clark.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	10 00
L. N. Holden & Co., goods to Amene Charbaneau		6 00
J. & W. Booth, coffin, Hilare Risard, child	4 00	
Coffin, Joseph Vancelette.....	9 00	
Coffin, Peter Laracheal, child..	6 00	
Coffin, Peter Reno, child.....	4 00	
Coffin, Chas. Rivers .....	10 00	
Fare of Benjamin family to Millbury .....	1 85	
	<hr/>	34 85
Amount carried forward .....	\$5,199 49	

Amount brought forward .....	\$5,199 49	
Samuel Williams, coffin, Mrs. Bard.....	8 50	
Coffin, Mrs. Lamont, child....	7 50	
Coffin, Felix Lamont .....	3 75	
Coffin, Mrs. Lamont .....	7 50	
Coffin, A. Duplacy .....	11 50	
Coffin, Geo. Martin....	4 00	
Coffin, Mrs. Frank Lovely.....	7 50	
Coffin, Mrs. Cager.....	7 50	
Coffin, Henry Rivers .....	7 50	
Coffin, James Coughlan .....	7 50	
	<hr/>	72 75
Louis Homman, digging grave for James		
Coughlan ... ..	2 00	
Digging grave for Mrs. Muldony	2 00	
	<hr/>	4 00
Alex Beebo, digging grave for Mrs. Cager.....		1 75
A. H. Shepard, team to Marvin Reynolds on Mrs.		
Parley Laflin case .....		2 25
Ferry & Dimmick, moving Joseph Luc to Town		
Farm .....		1 00
Wm. Powers, moving Bridget Foly to Town Farm		1 00
Southbridge Post-office, stamps.....		2 00
C. A. Paige, books for overseers' accounts	1 45	
Fare to Worcester to settle pau-		
per cases.....	1 70	
J. F. Parker, weighing hay....	75	
Fare to Worcester to settle		
small pox case.....	1 70	
Expenses to Worcester to get		
Geo. Martin to sign necessary		
papers for the collection of		
his life insurance.....	7 15	
Fare to Oxford, Milton W.		
Streeter case.....	2 35	
Fare to Palmer, Mrs. Sedgwick		
case.....	2 50	
Postage stamps .....	1 22	
Team to Sturbridge, Fanny		
Nedson case.....	75	
Expense to Worcester & Roch-		
dale, John Shepard case ....	4 66	
	<hr/>	24 23
Amount carried forward.....	\$5,308 47	

Amount brought forward .....	\$5,308 47	
L. O. Thompson, rations furnished tramps.....	75	
L. W. Curtis, medical attendance, Andrew Lynch... ..	1 50	
Medic'l attendance, Mrs. S. Day .....	4 50	
	<hr/>	6 00
John Cutting, taking care of Ebenezer Clark.....	5 00	
Wm. L. D. Hall, care of Ebenezer Clark.....	9 00	
A. H. Barrett, sawing wood for Esther Clark .....	1 50	
\$2 00 per week for 4 weeks'		
sickness in family... ..	8 00	
	<hr/>	9 50
Marvin Reynolds, care and support of Widow Par- ley Laflin.....	48 23	
Wm. Reynolds, care and support of Widow Parley Laflin.....	57. 18	
	<hr/>	5,443 13
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....	\$18 75	
Order to Bemis Bros., outstanding.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$21 75

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$533 72	
Appropriation .....	1,700 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,233 72

### EXPENDITURES.

George H. Mellen, services as teacher.....	1,120 00	
Frank Parson, services as assistant .....	144 00	
Mary E. Silverthorne, services as assistant teacher	198 00	
Frank Spooner, services as assistant teacher .....	130 00	
George B. Corey, care of room .....	40 15	
George W. Wells, for wood.....	25 62	
Cummings & Conant, for wood.....	58 97	
For 1 stove.....	14 50	
Michael Farrell, for plastering.....	8 39	
Pliny M. Clarke, for setting glass....	3 45	
	<u>          </u>	1,743 08
		<u>          </u>
Balance to to credit of this account March 1, 1881 ....		\$490 64

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$ 843 81	
Appropriations .....	5,400 00	
Corporation tax .....	1,991 27	
Bank tax... ..	573 39	
	<u>          </u>	8,808 47

## EXPENDITURES.

*Teaching.*

C. M. Perrin, 27 weeks . . . . .	\$247 00	
V. T. Wetherell, 23 weeks . . . . .	207 00	
Susie E. Morse, 23 weeks . . . . .	276 00	
Josie A. Rice, 34 weeks . . . . .	306 00	
Susie E. Knight, 22 weeks . . . . .	198 00	
Flora B. Allen, 42 weeks . . . . .	378 00	
Maria Cutting, 22 weeks . . . . .	176 00	
Idella M. Brewster, 34 weeks . . . . .	272 00	
Mary Remington, 22 weeks . . . . .	187 00	
Jennie McVey, 23 weeks . . . . .	184 00	
Laura Williams, 11 weeks . . . . .	99 00	
Mary Clemence, 11 weeks . . . . .	66 00	
Minnie Perry, 11 weeks . . . . .	88 00	
Ellen M. Boulton, 9 weeks . . . . .	45 00	
Mrs. Moulton, 12 weeks . . . . .	84 00	
Mary A. Hopkins, 12 weeks . . . . .	108 00	
Nellie Booth, 22 weeks . . . . .	154 00	
Julia V. Harwood, 23 weeks . . . . .	276 00	
Alice Holmes, 22 weeks . . . . .	154 00	
Fanny Freeman, 22 weeks . . . . .	198 00	
Mary Newell, 22 weeks . . . . .	165 00	
A. Rebecca Rowley, 22 weeks . . . . .	198 00	
Jennie Litchfield, 12 weeks . . . . .	108 00	
Lizzie Douty, 34 weeks . . . . .	272 00	
Ida M. Douty, 23 weeks . . . . .	230 00	
Nellie Douty, 12 weeks . . . . .	72 00	
E. Etta Whitford, 25 weeks . . . . .	200 00	
E. Etta McFarland, 12 weeks . . . . .	96 00	
Clara L. Nichols, 33 weeks . . . . .	264 00	
Mary Pellett, 22 weeks . . . . .	176 00	
Mary Clemence, 11 weeks . . . . .	66 00	
Frank Parson, teaching drawing . . . . .	67 50	
		5,617 50

*Care of School Houses.*

Mrs. Kate Parker, Plimpton street school house . . . . .	10 00
Felix Searles, Sumner school house . . . . .	8 00
John Flood, River street school house . . . . .	30 50
Thomas Hayes, School st. school house . . . . .	16 00
John Barrett, School st. school house . . . . .	29 33

Amounts carried forward . \$93 83 \$5,617 50

Amounts brought forward...	\$93 83	\$5,617 50
James Ryan, Union st. school house.....	28 84	
Geo. B. Corey, Main street school house and cutting wood.....	120 82	
John C. Brown, Hooker school house....	9 25	
Nellie A. West, Hooker school house....	4 00	
Eugene M. Chamberlain, Dennison school house.....	9 25	
Oscar P. Brown, Dennison school house..	4 00	
	<hr/>	269 99

*Wood.*

Cummings & Conant .....	\$ 357 25	
Morse Bros....	49 69	
Horace Walker.....	22 50	
Olney & Lescault .....	13 75	
Wm. P. Plimpton.....	6 00	
Sylvester Dresser.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	469 19

*Cutting wood.*

John Flood.....	19 12	
Edward Hughes .....	3 00	
N. S. Robinson.....	2 25	
F. Scarbo .....	3 37	
Thomas Conghlan .....	3 65	
	<hr/>	31 39
Willis Morse, board of Walter Pratt.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	6,406 07

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....\$ 2,402 40

## CONTINGENT SCHOOLS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriations ..... \$650 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance against this account March 1, 1880.....	\$141 58	
Elsey School Furniture Co., desks and crayons....	142 33	
J. & W. Booth, school furniture and setting glass.	57 41	
Samuel Williams, chair and table .....	4 67	
N. E. School Furnishing Co., chairs and desks....	38 51	
N. Y. & N. E. R. R., freight on desks .....	4 71	
Henry M. McElwin, slating blackboards .....	80 57	
Oliver Bisson, taking census of children .....	15 00	
John J. Bowlen, freight on desks from Charlton..	5 87	
Joseph Williams, 1 stove and pipe .....	19 02	
William C. Barnes, school books .....	7 71	
Avril & Hunting, dusters and brushes.....	7 50	
James A. King, books and crayons....	25 04	
J. S. Gleason, books and crayons.....	32 86	
Cummings & Conant, brooms and pails.....	13 93	
G. L. Winter, eave trough for school house	37 91	
Supplies... ..	6 37	
	<hr/>	44 28
Daniel M. Chamberlain, labor.....	11 20	
Dwight Chamberlain, labor, &c.....	5 75	
Leonard Cutler, labor and lumber... ..	21 07	
H. Hobbs, labor on seats.....	1 00	
Frank Link, labor.....	5 50	
T. & J. H. Sanders, repairs on school house.....	4 00	
Michael Farrell, labor.....	1 75	
John Flood, labor moving seats.....	3 75	
John Delond, stationery .....	5 80	
G. M. Whitaker, printing....	13 50	
Wm. Powers, cleaning vaults.....	14 80	
Thomas Hayes, cleaning vaults.....	2 00	
P. M. Clark, setting glass. ....	6 10	
J. M. Olney, services as truant officer.....	5 75	
Geo. Thayer, truant officer.....	14 75	
Alice Hickey, cleaning town hall for school.....	1 50	
Frost & Adams, supplies for drawing.....	15 97	
	<hr/>	775 18
Balance against this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	125 18

## SCHOOL APPARATUS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$50 62
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## EXPENDITURES.

Elisha M. Phillips, 2 charts.....	\$10 50	
William C. Barnes, supplies for drawing.....	16 15	
Idella M. Brewster, cards, etc .....	1 19	
	<hr/>	27 84
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....	\$22 78	

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance of state school fund account on hand		
March 1, 1880. ....	\$ 262 80	
District court, fines.....	40 00	
State school fund, 1880.....	204 22	
	<hr/>	\$ 507 02

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance on hand March 1, 1881.....	507 02
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# SELECTMEN.

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## ALMSHOUSE ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, June 1880.....	\$ 3,500 00	
Transfer, Dec. 27, 1880.....	160 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,660 00

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Hartwell Hobbs on contract for building ad- dition, etc.....	3,500 00	
Extra work and materials.. . . .	140 00	
Michael Farrell for work.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	3,660 00

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## BRIDGES.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$ 2 08	
Appropriation at April meeting.....	200 00	
From Sturbridge on Westville bridge. ....	17 95	
Transfer liquor license money, Nov. 20, 1880... ..	145 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 365 03

### EXPENDITURES.

#### *Old accounts.*

A. H. Wheeler, for work.....	\$ 2 19	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, for plank....	23 03	
	<hr/>	\$ 25 22
Amount carried forward .....	\$ 25 22	

Amount brought forward.....\$ 25 22

*Westville Bridge Pier.*

N. Y. & N. E. railroad company, freight..	7 65	
W. M. Harris, cement.....	28 25	
Edward Duceth, mason work.....	67 30	
Wheelock & Marcy, drawing stone.....	6 00	
A. J. Plimpton, drawing stone.....	3 25	
Hamilton Woolen Co., plank, derrick, &c.	28 60	
	<hr/>	141 05
Peter Phanauff, work planking.....	8 00	
Geo. Lamoureux, work planking.....	1 50	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, plank .....	101 34	
T. & J. H. Sanders, work planking.....	20 67	
Jos. Williams, spikes, &c .....	10 35	
	<hr/>	141 86
		<hr/> \$ 308 13
Balance to credit March 1, 1881.....		56 90
Outstanding bill, A. J. Plimpton, 1881.....		1 50
Bill, James Wesson, work in 1879.....		10 00

COLUMBIAN ROAD.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation ..... \$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

Austin H. Shepard, pay roll of men, self and teams....	\$253 70	
George S. Stone, repairs of tools .....	15 46	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse .....	16 40	
	<hr/>	285 56
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		<hr/> \$14 44

## CONTINGENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at April meeting.....	\$	500	00	
Transfer liquor license money, Nov. 20, 1880. ..		234	25	
				\$ 734 25

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	26	08	
L. Morton, outstanding order No. 434....		50	00	
J. J. Oakes, use of horse.....		4	79	
J. M. Olney, extra watch.....		4	50	
G. A. Dresser, perambulating town lines.		6	00	
D. M. Chamberlain, for road signs.....		1	75	
L. W. Curtis, for examining A. Morton..		1	00	
J. F. Parker, for horse and carriages.....		9	50	
N. E. Putney, for repairs on clock .....		6	41	
J. F. Parker, for teams for selectmen....		25	50	
H. A. Morse, express and expenses.....		7	05	
P. M. Clarke, for repairs on town hall....		1	50	
S. Thayer, for serving health notices, 1879		5	25	
A. H. Wheeler, for labor.....		1	00	
Dwight Chamberlain, for fixing rails....		1	75	
				152 08

*Bills for the past year.*

A. H. Barrett, moving seats in hall .....	1	00	
N. E. Putney, care of town clock ....	25	00	
Solomon Thayer, sundry police duty.....	22	00	
C. A. Paige, clearing town hall yard .....	1	00	
Solomon Thayer, assessors' books.....	5	75	
W. H. Jacobs, book-case and drawers, etc.	35	56	
Austin H. Shepard, police duty .....	60	00	
Pliny M. Clarke, posting notices, etc .....	4	68	
M. Dillaber, reward for malicious mischief.	10	00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., use of land for steps to depot.....	1	00	
J. S. McAdoo, liquor prosecutions.....	174	24	
Hamilton Woolen Co., repairs on walk to depot .....	5	74	

Amounts carried forward . \$345 97 \$ 152 08

Amounts brought forward...	\$345 97	\$ 152 08
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber for do ..	16 00	
Bacon & Hopkins, written opinion .....	5 00	
Joseph Williams, pipe to water tub .....	6 54	
Samuel Williams, services at funerals ....	18 00	
Edwin Bacon, collecting deaths, etc. ....	29 75	
Cummings & Conant, putty and glass, etc.	24	
Horace I. Joslin, carriages for officers ....	12 00	
Geo. B. Corey, care and repairs town hall.	12 37	
J. M. Olney, warning and attending town meetings .....	23 70	
James A. King, stationery .....	50	
Geo. M. Whitaker .....	6 00	
J. B. Giroux, painting hearse .....	20 00	
Henry A. Morse, services as clerk .....	18 75	
J. Booth, funeral conductor .....	9 00	
Duffy & Lewis, care of water tub ....	6 75	
Henry A. Morse, clerk's expenses ....	4 27	
A. J. Bartholomew, license blanks, etc. ....	4 82	
Pliny M. Clarke, setting glass .....	9 16	
	<hr/>	548 82
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		700 90
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		\$33 35

*Bills outstanding.*

S. Dresser, services regarding almshouse .....	15 00
Horace W. Bacon, police duty .....	25 00
L. W. Curtis .....	1 25

## DECORATION DAY.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at April meeting .....	\$ 100 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Mechanics Bank .....	\$ 45 00
A. H. Shepard, for hacks for choir .....	3 00
J. F. Parker, for hacks for choir .....	3 00
Ferry & Dimmock, for hack for orator .....	3 00
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Amount carried forward .....	\$ 54 00

Amount brought forward .....	\$ 54 00	
Wm. C. Barnes, for flags....	2 00	
J. A. Marcy, for refreshments....	9 42	
Sheet music for singers....	80	
Printing and postage.....	78	
		<u>67 00</u>
Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....	\$ 33 00	

## ENGINE MEN.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$ 24 00	
Appropriation at annual meeting.....	2,216 00	
		<u>\$ 2,240 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Tiger Engine Company, May 1, 1880.....	\$ 450 00	
Melville Engine Company, May 1, 1880.....	450 00	
Steamer Engine Company No. 1.....	370 00	
Steamer Engine Company No. 2.....	370 00	
Hook & Ladder Company No. 1.....	150 00	
Hook & Ladder No. 2.....	150 00	
P. M. Clarke, chief fire engineer.....	100 00	
Steward, Steamer No. 1....	75 00	
Steward, Steamer No. 2.....	75 00	
Wm. C. Barnes, 1st assistant engineer. ....	25 00	
Paul J. Whelan, 2d assistant engineer.....	25 00	
		<u>\$ 2,240 00</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$ 138 87	
Appropriation at April meeting.....	800 00	
		<u>\$ 938 87</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

Wm. C. Barnes, rubber hose, 1879 .....	\$	1	00
C. T. Carpenter, straps for steamers, 1879.		2	15
J. S. Gleason, supplies for engine house, 1879.....		13	46
W. H. Jacobs, repairs on engine house, '79		2	79
J. F. Parker, use of horses, Feb. 1880....		5	00
Jos. Williams, stove, Jan., 1880.....		5	00
Ferry & Dimmick, horses, Feb. 1880....		4	56
P. M. Clarke, repairs, Feb. 1880.....		6	00
Duffy & Lewis, repairs, 1879.....		2	90
Hamilton Woolen Co., horses, 1879.....		28	50
A. H. Shepard, horses, 1879.....		18	50
Wm. Edwards' Sons, damage to photo saloon, 1878 .....		10	00
F. Cady, repairs on fire extinguisher.....		3	80
C. M. Clapp & Co., coat, 1879.....		5	00
	-----	\$	108 66

*Bills for the past year.*

Carpenter, Irwin & Co., for carpets.....	177	34	
J. & W. Booth, fixtures for rooms.....	20	06	
Wm. C. Barnes, fixtures for rooms.....	4	35	
S. Williams, door mats.....	2	70	
Cummings & Conant, for spittoons....	6	75	
	-----		211 20
A. H. Shepard, for horses.....	82	00	
J. F. Parker, for horses.....	48	00	
Ferry & Dimmock, for horses.....	17	00	
	-----		147 00
Southbridge Coal Co., for coal.....	147	36	
H. D. Edwards, for coal.....	1	85	
Wm. P. Plimpton, for wood.....	5	65	
S. Thayer, for wood.....	8	75	
	-----		163 61
Leonard Cutler, for repairs.....	8	10	
W. H. Jacobs, for butts, etc .....	1	00	
M. Brien, for keys.....	1	75	
	-----		10 85
A. Thompson, for repairs engine.....	2	12	
Geo. S. Stone, for lead bars.....	5	00	
	-----		7 12
Amount carried forward .....	\$	648	44

Amount brought forward .....	\$ 648 44	
Fiskdale Mills Co., for waste.....	10 00	
Columbian Mills Co., for waste .....	3 82	
Duffy & Lewis, for supplies .....	11 31	
Cummings & Conant, for oil, etc.....	1 80	
J. S. Gleason, for oil.....	5 36	
P. H. Carpenter, for brooms and salt.....	1 36	
P. Kelley, for pails.....	1 09	
Jos. Williams, for axe .....	1 25	
	<hr/>	35 99
George H. Thayer, cleaning well .....	3 00	
Patrick Maher, watching .....	1 50	
John Stone, watching.....	50	
A. H. Barrett, watching .....	75	
	<hr/>	5 75
Belt and Leather Stuff Co., hose dressing.	60 38	
George A. Dresser, freight on same .....	1 00	
Freight on belt .....	50	
Cole Brothers, hydrant couplings .....	30 00	
P. Maher, work on hydrants.....	1 95	
	<hr/>	93 83
J. & W. Booth, lettering coats .....	4 50	
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing cards .....	2 00	
	<hr/>	6 50
G. A. Dresser, services as Chief Engineer to December 1, 1880 .....	58 31	
Telephone Exchange, labor and material on fire alarm.....	11 00	
	<hr/>	69 31
	<hr/>	859 82
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....		\$79 05

*Bills outstanding.*

Hamilton Woolen Co., for horses .....	50 00
Austin H. Shepard, for horses .....	5 00
James F. Parker, for horses .....	8 00
George S. Stone, for repairs.....	5 50
Cummings & Conant, for rope .....	1 76
W. C. Barnes.....	1 23



## HAMILTON STREET WALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at April meeting.....	\$650 00	
Transfer Dec. 27, 1880.....	50 00	
		<hr/> \$700 00

## EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, pay roll of men, teams and self....	\$401 90	
Geo. S. Stone, repairs on tools.....	2 44	
Cummings & Conant, curbing .....	54 78	
Stone & Hiscox, curbing.....	100 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co., work setting curbing.....	65 13	
Geo. S. Stone, irons, &c. for railing.....	39 94	
John P. Carey, filling... ..	30 00	
		<hr/> \$ 694 19
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	5 81

## HIGHWAYS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$	8 92
Appropriation, April meeting .....	3,500 00	
Sturbridge, work of team.....	11 50	
Cattle sold .....	135 00	
		<hr/> \$ 3,655 42

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

A. H. Barrett, labor, Nov., Dec. and Jan., 1879-80 .....	\$	16 26
C. Whiting, shoveling snow, Feb. 1880...	1 25	
C. M. Morse, 4 drags.....	18 00	
C. Brown, breaking out roads, Feb. 1880 .	1 25	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, work on Dresser St. Nov. 1879 .....	20 65	
C. M. Morse, work on roads, Dec. 1879...	25 48	
G. K. Dresser, work in Nov. and Dec. '79.	15 25	

Amount carried forward..... \$98 14



Amount brought forward ...	\$ 98 14	
Jos. Longsway, work in Dec. 1879.....	17 90	
E. B. Weld, work in 1877.....	5 75	
J. F. Brooks, scraper in 1879.....	117 00	
C. W. Weld, work in 1879.....	22 45	
H. Walker, work in summer of 1879... ..	185 71	
A. H. Wheeler, work in 1879 .....	2 50	
Geo. Whitford, bricks used on South St..	1 35	
J. F. Parker, teams on highways.....	51 15	
C. M. Morse, shoveling snow and work on roads .....	6 10	
J. Edwards' estate, gravel on Dresser St..	71 50	
H. Fairbanks, sledge handles.....	55	
J. J. Oakes, work on Main street, 1879...	3 75	
L. W. Curtis, gravel, plank and work ....	30 60	
Geo. Lyon, work on roads.....	6 37	
Daniel Whitford, work.....	2 83	
E. Ducette, moving wall.....	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 630 15

*Bills for the past year.*

A. H. Shepard, Highway Surveyor, for self, pay roll of men and teams .....	1,633 45
Samuel Hobbs, yoke of cattle.....	145 00
G. S. Stone, sharpening tools and repairs.	77 43
Shoeing cattle .....	6 13
Steel for drills.....	10 80
Town farm and others, for hay .....	97 30
Ellis & Cook, feed for cattle.....	34 93
Cummings & Conant, plows and tools....	19 41
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse..	18 40,
Joseph Williams, tools .....	9 92
Samuel Hobbs, 1 drag.....	3 50
T. & J. H. Sanders, 1 yoke .....	3 50
Hamilton Woolen Co., gravel....	22 40
American Optical Co., paving stones.....	25 00
A. Stevens, 100 feet flag stones .....	18 00
Thomas Hayes, work on road.....	10 62
Thomas Welch, work on road.....	6 25
A. H. Barrett, work on road ...	3 13
J. Cutting, work on road ....	1 50

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Amounts carried forward . \$2,146 67 \$ 630 15

Amounts brought forward..\$2,146 67 \$ 630 15

Isaac Clark, turning water, etc.....	75	
L. A. Lyon, work on Lebanon hill road ..	30 00	
Amasa Haskell, work on cross roads .....	20 00	
Austin H. Shepard, self and men shovel- ing snow .....	84 55	
George K. Dresser, cleaning gutters on Hamilton street .....	1 50	
W. P. Morse, shoveling snow.....	2 70	
E. M. Chamberlain, shoveling snow.....	2 00	
A. H. Wheeler, order twice drawn .....	2 50	
	<hr/>	2,290 67
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		2,920 82
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Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		\$734 60

*Outstanding orders and bills.*

Order 354, Ellis & Cook.....	\$ 4 10
Order 395, S. Dresser.....	12 00
Order 398, Frank Parson... ..	2 00
Order 416, Hamilton Woolen Co.....	2 00
Order 417, Geo. L. Clemence....	1 50
Bill, Wm. Griffin, concreting in year 1879. ....	25 75
Bill, Wm. Edwards, bill of year 1879.....	6 16
Bill, Jo. Ouimette, 1879 .....	2 50
Bill, A. H. Shepard, barn rent.....	6 00
Bill, Willis Morse, snow work.....	2 00
Bill, Cummings & Conant, lanterns.....	1 70
Bill, George Lyon, snow work ....	1 22
Bill, L. W. Curtis, fees .....	1 32

INSURANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$ 10 27
Appropriation, 1880 .....	100 00
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	\$ 110 27

## EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Philips, Hcoker school house.....	\$	8	20	
Library .....		40	00	
Poor farm buildings ....		43	00	
				\$ 91 20
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....	\$			19 07

## INTEREST.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1880 ..... \$ 1,700 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn last year.....	\$	149	95	
Mechanics Savings bank .....		500	00	
John Marcy, on note April 15, 1875.....		470	00	
Lucy H. Stow, on note Aug. 8, 1876.....		250	00	
Southbridge Savings bank.....		500	46	
Southbridge National bank, discount.....		20	67	
				\$ 1,891 08
Balance against this account March 1, 1881.....	\$			191 08

## MAIN STREET WALK, GLOBE VILLAGE.

## RECEIPTS.

Transfer April 6, 1880, from Mill street ..... \$84 03

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance overdrawn March 1, 1880.....		57	68	
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 ...				\$26 35

## MAIN AND PLEASANT STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Transfer from Edwards street walk April 6, 1880..\$	40	
Transfer from Mill st. sidewalk April 6, 1880.....	45 07	
	<hr/>	\$ 45 55

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance March 1, 1880, overdrawn.....	78 60	
Paid F. Ryan bill for repairing tools .....	12 10	
	<hr/>	\$ 90 70
Balance against this account March 1, 1880... ..	\$ 45 15	

## MARCY STREET SIDEWALK.

## RECEIPTS.

Assessment of Liberty Litchfield .....	\$119 16	
Assessment of John Marcy.....	291 59	
	<hr/>	\$410 65

## EXPENDITURES.

Amount overdrawn March 1, 1880.....	320 02	
Paid C. W. Weld, bill for work 1879.....	39 10	
Paid G. A. Dresser, bill for work 1879.....	7 20	
Paid G. A. Dresser, bill for work 1880.....	6 00	
Paid J. F. Parker, bill for work 1879. ....	19 25	
	<hr/>	391 57
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....	\$ 19 08	

## POLICE STATION.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation 1880.....\$	175 00	
Transfer Dec. 27, 1880.....	25 00	
Lock-up fees.....	15 25	
	<hr/>	\$ 215 25

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

Amount overdrawn last year.....	\$ 25 71	
J. J. Oakes, bill for wood 1879.....	13 62	
Chas. E. Cady, bill for wood 1879... ..	4 00	
Mutual Gas-light Co., for gas 1879 .....	2 25	
	<hr/>	45 58

*Bills for the past year.*

L. O. Thompson, care of station.....	22 00	
Cummings & Conant, for cups.....	1 50	
P. M. Clarke, for setting glass, etc.... ..	5 00	
G. L. Winter, for repairing roof and stove..	10 65	
A. J. Bartholomew, for 1 1-2 cords wood..	6 00	
Mutual Gas-light Co., for gas.....	10 83	
Thos. Potter, for care of station.....	73 18	
Wm. P. Plimpton, for wood.....	18 50	
Jos. Williams, for spittoon.....	1 00	
P. M. Clarke, for setting glass... ..	1 00	
Jos. Williams, for chambers and keys....	5 01	
	<hr/>	154 67
	<hr/>	200 25
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....	\$	15 00

*Outstanding bills.*

Mutual Gas-light Co. for gas .....	\$ 90
T. Potter for wood.....	11 00
Order, Geo. L. Winter, for stove, etc.....	10 65

## PRINTING.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880. ....	\$ 2 53	
Appropriation at annual meeting .....	250 00	
Transfer Dec. 27, 1880 .....	50 00	
Error in G. M. Whitaker's bill .....	4 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 307 28

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. M. Whitaker, reports .....	\$	208	72
Bills, warrants, &c. ....		53	55
W. M. Corbin, bill heads. ....		12	00
Assessors' notices .....		3	25
	—————	\$	277 52
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....	\$	29	76

## PAYMENT OF DEBT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, 1880 .....	\$	10,900	00
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## EXPENDITURES.

John Marcy, note of April 15, 1875.....	\$	5,000	00
Southbridge Savings bank, note of July 21, 1879..		2,500	00
Note of Dec. 9, 1879 .....		2,000	00
Note of Feb. 27, 1880.....		1,400	00
	—————	\$	10,900 00

## RAILINGS.

## RECEIPTS.

Annual appropriation, 1880... ..	\$	100	00
For iron railings sold Isaac Clarke.....		20	80
	—————	\$	120 80

## EXPENDITURES.

Balance against this account March 1. 1880.....	14 18	
Hamilton Woolen Co., for work railing Hamilton street walk to depot... ..	11 84	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, for lumber for same....	17 18	
	<hr/>	43 20
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....\$		77 60
<i>Outstanding order.</i>		
Hamilton Woolen Co., for work.....		\$5 13

## SIDEWALKS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....\$	88 23	
Annual appropriation, 1880.....	200 00	
Transfer, liquor license money.....	108 25	
Otis N. Upham, assessment....	73 25	
George W. Corey, assessment.....	26 27	
	<hr/>	\$496 00

## EXPENDITURES.

*Old Accounts.*

J. J. Oakes, work in 1879, repairs.... ..\$	3 88	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, work on walks, 1879	10 50	
A. H. Wheeler, labor on walks, Feb., 1880	5 25	
V. Fiske, work on Dresser St. walk, 1879.	35 00	
Stone & Hiscox, curbing.... ..	29 46	
C. W. Weld, Hamilton street walk, 1879..	35 70	
Wm. Edwards' Sons, work in Sept. 1879..	4 40	
G. H. Hartwell, stone on Hamilton St., '79	35 00	
Stone & Hiscox, curbing in 1879.... ..	85 80	
Wm. Searles, repairs walk on Sayles street	1 00	
L. Tully, repairing River street walk....	50	
F. L. Chapin, work on Dresser street, '79	20 00	
Wm. Griffin, repairing walk on Hamilton St	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 268 99
Amount carried forward .....	\$	268 99



Amount brought forward ..... \$ 268 90

*Bills for the past year.*

J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber .....	\$ 10	
M. Farrell, work repairing walk Main St..	3 00	
M. Greenier, repairing walk, Main St ...	2 50	
Duffy & Lewis, nails for Hamilton St....	1 05	
	— — — \$	14 65
		<u>\$ 263 64</u>

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....\$ 212 36

Outstanding bill, Wm. Griffin on Crane St., 1879.....\$ 46 69

## SALARIES.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880.....	\$218 32	
Annual appropriation, 1880 .....	1,400 00	
State Treasurer, collecting bank tax .....	20 50	
	— — —	<u>\$1,638 82</u>

### EXPENDITURES.

C. E. Cady, collecting tax in 1878.....	150 00	
J. W. Marble, sealing weights and measures.....	10 00	
J. J. Oakes, services as Selectman .....	25 39	
W. D. Morse, services as Auditor. ....	3 00	
C. W. Johnson, services as Auditor .....	25 00	
E. M. Phillips, services as School Committee .....	130 00	
H. A. Morse, services as Town Clerk .....	16 25	
J. M. Amidon, services as School Committee .....	7 50	
Geo. K. Dresser, assisting Assessors.....	20 62	
Solomon Thayer, services as Assessor in 1880....	111 87	
Daniel Whitford, use of team in 1880 .....	37 50	
Henry Clarke, services as Assessor in 1880.....	112 83	
B. V. Stevenson, services as School Committee, 1880	25 00	
H. A. Morse, collecting returns, etc.....	130 30	
F. L. Chapin, services as Treasurer one year .....	100 00	
Board of Overseers of the Poor one year .....	200 00	
Board of Selectmen one year .....	200 00	
A. W. Martin, services as Auditor to March 1, 1881	23 50	
J. S. Gleason, services as Auditor to March 1, 1881	19 00	
	— — —	<u>1,347 74</u>
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 .....		<u>\$291 08</u>

## SOUTH STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1880....\$	2 47	
Appropriation at annual meeting.....	\$500 00	
	<hr/>	\$502 47

## EXPENDITURES.

Dr. L. W. Curtis, land.....	1 25	
Jacob Booth, land damage.....	100 00	
Ellen M. Newell, land damage.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	161 25

Balance to credit account March 1, 1881.....\$ 341 22

*Outstanding Order.*

John Rowley, for land damages settled.....\$60 00

## STATE AID.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 . . . . .	\$280 31	
State Treasurer.....	232 00	
	<hr/>	\$512 31

## EXPENDITURES.

Julia Seymour.....	48 00	
Martin Maher . . . . .	33 00	
Patrick Gleason . . . . .	44 00	
Francis McGuire . . . . .	44 00	
Thomas Welch . . . . .	66 00	
Anthony Deon . . . . .	21 00	
	<hr/>	256 00

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881 ..... \$256 31

## STREET LIGHTS.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1880 .....	\$441 07	
Appropriation at annual meeting .....	1,400 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,441 07

## EXPENDITURES.

Mutual Gaslight Company .....	487 50	
U. S. Street-lighting Co., care of 68 lamps .....	733 39	
Enos Avey, care of 33 lamps .....	148 50	
Marcus Dillaber, fixing lamp post and street lights.	6 25	
J. J. Oakes, 1 lantern .....	6 00	
Pliny M. Clarke, setting glass .....	2 40	
Ellis & Cook, matches .....	1 65	
Olney & Lescault, matches .....	3 30	
	<hr/>	1,388 99

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881..... \$52 08

*Bills outstanding.*

J. T. McKinstry.....\$5 09

## TELEPHONE FIRE ALARM.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1880 .....\$ 50 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Southbridge Telephone Exchange, telephone rentals ..... 40 07

Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1881.....\$ 9 93

Bills outstanding.....\$14 14

# BILLS OUTSTANDING.

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## *Bridges.*

James Wesson, bill of 1879.....	\$10 00	
A. J. Plimpton. ....	1 50	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 11 50

## *Cemetery improvements.*

Lamson & Woodbury.....	38 00	
Frank Parson .....	2 25	
	<u>          </u>	40 25

## *Common schools.*

C. M. Perrin, teaching.....	\$ 90 00	
V. T. Wetherell, teaching .....	130 00	
S. E. Morse, teaching .....	156 00	
S. E. Knight, teaching ....	108 00	
Maria Cutting, teaching. ....	96 00	
Mary Remington, teaching .....	102 00	
Laura Williams, teaching .....	130 00	
Mary Clemence, teaching .....	72 00	
Minnie Perry, teaching.....	117 00	
Nellie Booth, teaching .....	84 00	
Julia V. Harwood, teaching.....	156 00	
Alice Holmes, teaching .....	84 00	
Fanny Freeman, teaching... ..	108 00	
Mary Newell, teaching.....	96 00	
A. R. Rowley, teaching.....	108 00	
Ida M. Douty, teaching.....	130 00	
Mary Pellett, teaching.....	96 00	
	<u>          </u>	1,863 00
Etta McFarland, order overdrawn.....	24 00	
	<u>          </u>	1,890 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$ 1,890 75	

Amount brought forward .....	\$ 1,890 75	
There is also a small sum due Nellie Walker for teaching in the Bacon district, but the term is not finished.		
Eugene M. Chamberlain, care school house.....	5 00	
Oscar P. Brown, care school house.....	5 00	
Thos. Hayes, care school house.....	27 08	
Wm. Renny, care school house .....	1 00	
Mrs. John Parker, care school house.....	10 00	
J. Ryan, care school house .....	8 00	
Geo. B. Corey, care school house. ....	40 00	
Cutting wood.....	30 00	
Sundries ....	2 05	
	<hr/>	128 13

*Contingent schools.*

Cummings & Conant.....	10 00	
Duffy & Lewis.....	11 16	
H. D. Edwards .....	2 36	
Wm. C. Barnes .....	16 40	
J. S. Gleason .....	21 13	
J. T. McKinstry .....	5 32	
John Flood.....	15 00	
J. & W. Booth..	7 15	
	<hr/>	88 52

*Contingent.*

S. Dresser.....	15 00	
Horace W. Bacon.....	25 00	
L. W. Curtis .....	1 25	
	<hr/>	41 25

*Fire department.*

Hamilton Woolen Co., order outstanding.....	50 00	
J. F. Parker.....	8 00	
A. H. Shepard....	5 00	
Geo. S. Stone. ....	5 50	
Cummings & Conant.....	1 76	
W. C. Barnes.....	1 23	
	<hr/>	71 49

*High school.*

F. M. Smith.....	240 00	
Mary E. Silverthorne .....	96 00	
Wm. C. Barnes .....	7 88	
Geo. B. Corey .....	12 30	
	<hr/>	356 18

Amount carried forward.....\$ 2,576 32

Amount brought forward.....\$ 2,576 32

*Highways.*

Wm. Edwards .....	6 16	
Wm. Griffin .....	25 75	
S. Dresser....	12 00	
A. H. Shepard.....	6 00	
Ellis & Cook.....	4 10	
Jos. Ouimette .....	2 50	
F Parson... ..	2 00	
Willis Morse .....	2 00	
Hamilton Woolen Co.....	2 00	
Geo. L. Clemence.....	1 50	
Cummings & Conant....	1 70	
L. W. Curtis.....	1 32	
George Lyon.....	1 22	
	<hr/>	68 25

*Police station.*

Mutual Gas-light Co .....	90	
T. Potter.....	11 00	
	<hr/>	11 90

*Railing highways.*

Hamilton Woolen Co....	5 13
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*Salaries.*


Geo. H. Thayer, truant officer.....	12 50	
J. M. Olney, truant officer .....	9 25	
Rev. B. V. Stevenson, school committee ....	141 00	
E. M. Phillips, school committee.....	112 50	
Geo. M. Whitaker, school committee.....	77 25	
Manning Leonard, auditor ... ..	16 50	
	<hr/>	369 00

*Street lights.*

J. T. McKinstry .....	5 09
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*Sidewalks.*

T. W. Griffin, bill of 1879.....	46 69
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 Amount carried forward.....\$ 3,082 38

Amount brought forward.....\$ 3,082 38

*Outside poor.*

J. S. Gleason.....	124 00	
W. E. Alden & Co .....	125 00	
	<hr/>	249 00

*School apparatus.*

Geo. M. Lovell .....	4 00
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*South street.*

John Rowley, for land damages settled .....	60 00
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*Telephone fire alarm.*

Telephoneexchange....	14 14	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,409 52

This large amount of outstanding bills is increased by the common school account, the treasurer being unable to pay the orders from lack of funds, the cause of which is explained on pp. 115-6. There is to the credit of this account..... 2,402 40

Leaving as really outstanding.....	\$ 1,007 12
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# VALUATIONS.

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## VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR 1880.

Value of real estate.....	\$2,045,874 00
Value of personal estate.....	1,002,645 00
Total real and personal.....	\$3,048,519 00
Gain on real estate over 1879.....	14,400 00
Gain on personal estate over 1879.....	127,618 00
Total gain real and personal.....	\$ 142,058 00
Total tax, state, county and town.....	50,812 00
Rate of taxation per \$1000.....	16 00
Total number of polls .....	1,328
Total number of horses assessed.....	431
Total number of cows assessed.....	417
Total number of sheep assessed.....	179
Total number of dwelling houses assessed...	698
Total number of acres of land assessed.....	12,299

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## VALUATION OF CENTRE WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of real estate.....	\$ 709,720 00
Value of personal estate.....	296,534 00
Total real and personal.....	\$1,006,254 00
Amount raised by taxation.....	700 00
Rate of tax per \$1000. ....	70

# CASH RECEIVED

## BY THE SELECTMEN.

### *For Licenses.*

J. F. Parker, first class liquor license.....	\$125 00
Warren Armes, first class do.....	125 00
J. W. Robinson, fourth class do.....	75 00
G. H. Hartwell, fourth class do.....	75 00
B. W. Paton, fourth class do.....	75 00
Geo. C. Shepard & Co., fourth class do.....	75 00
Geo. W. Faulkner, second class do.....	50 00
Wm. E. Horton, second class do.....	50 00
Murray's circus license.....	15 00
E. G. Guy, auctioneer, 2 licenses.....	4 00
L. N. Holden, do.....	2 00
H. G. Amidon, do.....	2 00
Street sales.....	50
S. Dresser, 13 hall shows.....	26 00

### *Sidewalk Assessments.*

John Marcy on Marcy street.....	291 49
Liberty Litchfield, on Marcy street.....	119 16
Otis N. Upham, Main street.....	73 25
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., Mechanics street....	49 41
Geo. W. Corey, Chapin street.....	26 27
Judson McIntire, River street.....	30 00

### *Miscellaneous.*

Cattle sold.....	135 00
Sturbridge, for labor on Westville bridge....	11 50
Sturbridge, cement, etc.....	17 95

## BY THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

and paid to the the Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881.

1880.

April 20.	Of G. F. Northrup, for bones sold.....	\$0 80
	Of M. M. Marble, 72 lbs. veal.....	5 04
May 18.	Of Selectmen, hay for highways.....	14 60
July 5.	Of Selectmen, hay for highways... ..	19 25
	7. Of Cummings & Conant, hay for highways .....	20 37
Oct. 27.	Of G. Northrup, 46 bushels potatoes sold .....	23 00
	Of Calvin A. Paige, 10 bushels potatoes.....	5 00
	28. Of town of Brimfield, aid for Samuel H. Bond..	8 50
Dec. 11.	Of A. F. Luther, 10 bushels potatoes .....	5 00
	Of M. Dillaber, 8 bushels potatoes.....	4 00
	Of Cutter, 2 hens .....	1 25
	Of Truesdale, turnips.....	40
	22. Of Cummings & Conant, keeping horse....	17 50
1881.		
Jan. 25.	Of Town of Charlton, aid of John Reynolds . . .	194 00
Feb. 17.	Of M. M. Marble, for hide.....	4 32
	28. Of M. M. Marble, for veal .....	8 00
	Of Alex. Lataille, for railroad ticket .....	4 42

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\$335 45

## MISCELLANEOUS.

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### BILLS DUE THE TOWN.

Town of Oakham for aid to Widow Samuel King..\$	24 00	
Town of Dudley, aid for Anthony Deon.....	17 88	
Samuel C. Hartwell, for hay.....	10 15	
Geo. A. Dresser, cart body.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$53 03

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### SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS DUE.

Joseph Fellows.....	\$ 29 56	
Chas. Hyde & Co.....	95 27	
*E. M. Phillips .....	93 03	
	<hr/>	\$217 86

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### PROPERTY IN CARE OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

1 three-wheel road scraper, 1 ox cart, 1 drag, 2 plows, 1 ox yoke, 1 hand scraper, 1 snow plow, 2 snow shovels, 3 iron bars, 3 hoes, tool box, 5 drills and steel wedge, 2 striking hammers, tamping iron and spoon, 1 stone hammer, 3 chains, 18 shovels, 6 picks, 1 powder can, 2 pails, 2 dippers, 1 axe, and 2 lanterns.

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\* Paid since March 1st.

# TABULAR STATEMENT.

Accounts.	Appropriations and receipts.	Expended.	Unexpended.	Outstanding.	Deficiency paid and unpaid.	Appropriations recommended by Selectmen.
Bridges .....	\$365 03	\$308 13	\$56 90	\$11 50	.....	\$150 00
Cemetery improvement ..	672 88	658 31	14 57	40 25	25 68	350 00
Cemetery avenue.....	150 00	123 00	27 00	.....	.....	.....
Common schools .....	8,808 47	6,406 07	2,402 40	1,967 13	.....	8,600 00
Contingent schools.....	650 00	775 18	.....	88 52	125 18	1,000 00
Contingent account .....	734 25	700 90	33 35	41 25	7 90	500 00
Columbian road.....	300 00	285 56	14 44	.....	.....	.....
Cohasse street.....	150 00	.....	150 00	.....	.....	100 00
Debt, payment of.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,500 00
Decoration day.....	100 00	67 00	33 00	.....	.....	50 00
Engine men .....	2,240 00	2,240 00	.....	.....	.....	1,400 00
Fire department .....	938 87	859 52	79 05	71 49	.....	800 00
Hamilton street wall .....	700 00	694 19	5 81	.....	.....	.....
High school .....	2,233 72	1,743 08	490 64	356 18	.....	1,550 00
Highways.....	3,655 42	2,920 82	734 60	68 25	.....	2,500 00
Insurance.....	110 27	91 20	19 07	.....	.....	200 00
Interest.....	2,100 00	2,291 08	.....	.....	191 08	1,600 00
Police station.....	215 25	200 25	15 00	11 90	.....	175 00
Public library .....	1,827 46	1,775 31	52 15	.....	.....	1,400 00 and Dog fund
Printing .....	307 28	277 52	29 76	.....	.....	350 00
Railing highways .....	120 80	43 20	77 60	5 13	.....	.....
Salaries.....	1,638 82	1,347 74	291 08	369 00	77 92	1,850 00
School apparatus.....	50 62	27 84	22 78	4 00	.....	.....
School Committee .....	507 02	.....	507 02	.....	.....	.....
Sidewalks .....	496 00	287 64	212 36	46 69	.....	200 00
do Marcy street.....	410 65	391 57	19 08	.....	.....	.....
do No. Main street.....	84 03	57 68	26 35	.....	.....	.....
do River street .....	59 91	.....	59 91	.....	.....	.....
State aid .....	512 31	256 00	256 31	.....	.....	.....
Street lights .....	1,441 07	1,388 99	52 08	5 09	.....	1,450 00
Sayles street .....	12 84	7 90	5 84	.....	.....	.....
South street .....	502 47	161 25	841 22	60 00	.....	.....
Support of poor .....	2,280 48	1,765 44	515 04	.....	.....	1,500 00
Taxes, abatement of.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00
Telephone .....	50 00	40 07	9 93	14 14	4 21	.....
Outside poor .....	5,461 88	5,440 13	21 75	249 00	227 25	3,500 00

## REMARKS AND RECOMMEN- DATIONS.

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The outstanding bill of William Griffin for work on Crane street, in 1879, came before the Auditors at their last meeting in February. As we had no knowledge of the correctness of the bill, and as it was not properly approved, the Auditors did not feel at liberty to give it their endorsement.

In Treasurer's report of receipts the item "State Treasurer," dog fund, should read County Treasurer.

The account "Cemetery avenue," on page 15, detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, is the same as "Everett street entrance" in the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's account of "Dresser street to cemetery" is the same as "Cohasse street" on page 16.

The Auditors recommend that all orders on the Town Treasurer for payment of town bills be drawn payable "to order." This will secure the endorsement of the payee upon the order and show at a glance to whom the money was paid.

The Auditors also recommend that the printing account either be abolished and all printing charged to the contingent accounts of the several boards, or that printing for all departments be charged to the printing account.

Respectfully submitted.

MANNING LEONARD,  
J. S. GLEASON,  
A. W. MARTIN,

Auditors.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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The overseers have drawn 266 orders, amounting to \$1765 for the alms-house poor and \$5443 for the outside poor. There are two outstanding bills to be added to the outside account, of \$249, making the total account of outside poor, \$5692. We have paid last year's bills reported outstanding to the amount of \$685, and other last year's outstanding bills not reported, increasing the amount to over \$1200. We have paid for other towns, which has or will be paid back to the town, \$292, which should be deducted together with \$1200 paid of last year's bills, to show the amount \$4200 paid for the town the present year. The cost for the support of the insane at the hospital is charged to the outside account, and over \$700 has been paid this year. In addition \$281 has been paid for paupers in other towns chargeable to the town, which reduces the amount paid out in the town to \$3219. This amount ought, and in our opinion should be largely reduced the coming year, on account of the additional alms-house accommodation which has not been available the past year, and will require the immediate attention of the incoming board. Two families in other towns are now chargeable to the town, who have but recently been on expense with only a small amount paid to this time, but will be increasing, and will require early attention from the incoming board. Since the last annual meeting of the town, the alms-house has been enlarged and now has ample and good accommodations

for the wants of the town. The management of the farm and alms-house by Mr. Geo. F. Northup and wife has been to the satisfaction and approval of the overseers, who have secured their services for another year. There are no outstanding bills known to the board except at Worcester hospital, which are paid quarterly, payable April 1, and will be about \$130.

We recommend \$1500 for the support of the alms-house poor and \$3500 for the outside poor for the ensuing year.

The average number of inmates of the almshouse has been eighteen. The following is the list of those there Feb. 28, 1882:

Obediah Sabin,	-	-	aged 84
John Clark,	-	-	aged 71
Charles Congdon,	-	-	aged 34
Richard Dwyer,	-	-	aged 24
Calista Rich,	-	-	aged 74
Margaret O'Brien,	-	-	aged 65
Thomas Powers.	-	-	aged 64
Ellen Powers,	-	-	aged 61
Bridget Foley,	-	-	aged 60
Lucy Harding,	-	-	aged 50
Mathias Ryan,	-	-	aged 81
Catherine Tynon,	-	-	aged 65
Daniel Ryan,	-	-	aged 58
John Roan,	-	-	aged 50
Ann Ryan,	-	-	aged 56
Mary Baker,	-	-	aged 80
Esther Sedgwick,	-	-	aged 85
Michael Craney,	-	-	aged 27

The inmates of the Worcester hospitals from this town are Lydia Fiske, Catherine Tynan and Daniel Smith,

The following accounts are due the town: Town of Oakham, \$24.00; town of Dudley, \$17.88; S. C. Hartwell, hay, \$10.15; George A. Dresser, cart body, \$1.00.

C. A. PAIGE,  
SYLVESTER DRESSER,  
JACOB BOOTH.

## ABSTRACT OF INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT FARM.

Class 1. Live stock.....	\$661 00
2. Hay, grain, etc.....	268 45
3. Carts, wagons, farming tools, etc.....	248 00
4. Household furniture.....	195 76
5. Beds and bedding.....	150 00
6. Family supplies.....	242 74
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Total appraisal.....	1,765 95
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Gain from 1880 .....	\$390 82

C. A. PAIGE,  
S. DRESSER,  
JACOB BOOTH,  
DAN'L WHITFORD, } Appraisers.

February 28, 1881.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
FIRE ENGINEERS  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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Some changes in the fire department made during the past year render it proper for the engineers to present a special report.

The board regarded it to be in the interest of economy, in view of the prospect of additional facilities for the extinguishment of fires in the Centre Village, not to organize companies for the Hand Engines and to rely upon the Steamers for the permanent fire force. This made some changes necessary. The Hand Engine companies claimed a considerable part of the furniture, pictures and property in the firemen's halls and removed and sold it, making it necessary to purchase new carpets and some other articles, at an expense of about \$1000. The Hook & Ladder companies and Steamer men who owned some of the property used in their departments, by vote turned over to the Fire Department all such articles, being property of considerable value; so that in future there will be no clashing of claims to any of the property connected with the Fire Department.

The auditors' report for the year ending March 1, 1880, shows that the sum of \$900 was paid out to the Tiger and Melvill engine companies for service of men the year previous, and it was also voted at our last annual meeting to pay for the last year a like sum. In addition to this these companies incurred some expenses which would upon the average amount to not less than \$100. By dispensing with these therefore that has been saved from the necessary appropriations for this year. The provisions

of the statutes in regard to organizing the Fire Department give to this board authority to appoint such number of men as it shall deem expedient, which authority was used as stated. It is apparent that the Hand Engines are not sufficiently modern or valuable for fire service in connection with the present fire apparatus to justify their maintenance longer, and that it would be wise to substitute for them something more easily moved, attended with less expense to maintain and more efficient in service. This the improved fire apparatus has supplied in the mounted fire extinguishers, and if the town should wish to add to its forces anything for quick work, the Board recommend that the hand engines be sold and one fire extinguisher be purchased and located at the Globe.

The Board regard the telephone of service to the department, and recommend that it be continued as a means of efficiency and promptness in case of fires, and of saving expense at times. But it should be left in the discretion of the Board fully, so that it may be adapted each year to such a make-up of the companies as there may be organized, and the expense taken from the fire contingent appropriation. The cost of it will be annually about \$75—upon the average.

By the action of the directors of the Water Supply Co., all hydrants now established, and all that may be put in until further action in regard to that subject, are placed at the service of the fire department in cases of fire and for the trial of engines, free of charge to the town. The Board has procured the necessary coupling to connect the engines with the hydrants, and wrenches also, so that in case of emergency the means of water supply may be regarded as ample in the Centre watch district, at least, and readily obtained. We can only express the hope that the desire of the officers of the Water Supply company to extend their pipe down High street and establish hydrants thereon, may be realized and that part of our town also put in as favorable a position as the Centre Village.

Value of property belonging to this department is appraised at \$32,758 by this Board.

The apparatus belonging to the department, now in use, is in good working order.

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## ROSTER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

GEORGE A. DRESSER, *Chief*.  
AZEL THOMPSON, 1st Assistant.  
GEORGE W. WELLS, 2d Assistant.  
WILLIAM BOOTH, 3d Assistant and Clerk.

### STEAMER NO. 1.

H. C. CADY, Engineer.  
W. S. ROBINSON, Assistant.  
JOSEPH FALLOWS, Fireman.

### HOSE NO. 1.

FRANKLIN CADY, Foreman.  
JAMES HARRIS, Assistant.  
J. W. ROBINSON, Clerk.

### STEAMER NO. 2.

CALVIN CLAFLIN, Engineer.  
PATRICK FLYNN, Fireman.

### HOSE No. 2.

W. C. LEWIS, Foreman.  
A. F. WEDGE, Assistant.  
JAMES WHELAN, Clerk.

### HOOK AND LADDER NO. 1.

MONROE REYNOLDS, Foreman.  
E. L. GAY, Assistant.  
GEORGE V. MOULTON, Clerk.

### HOOK AND LADDER, No. 2.

WILLIAM KELLY, Foreman.  
MICHAEL BREEN, Assistant.  
PATRICK MAHAR, Clerk.]

## FIRES.

In the town of Southbridge from April 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881:

May 10. A shed belonging to George Lamereaux. Cause not known. Department reported in good time, and fire confined to shed.

June 5. The department was called by an alarm of fire, which proved to be brush in the southerly part of the town.

June 13. In the tenement house belonging to S. C. Hartwell on Central street. Cause unknown. Damage slight.

June 18. In wood shed in rear of Mrs. Levi Bartlett's house. Shed and contents total loss.

August 2. The department was called out for fire in G. A. Dresser's house, corner of Mill and River streets, but its services were not needed.

July 30. The department was called out for fire in the building near the bank. Services not needed.

Dec. 27. Residence Manning Leonard. Steamer No. 1 and both Hook and Ladder companies reported but not called upon. Cause defective chimney. Loss slight.

January 3. Also for fire in tenement house belonging to Hamilton Woolen Co., near cotton mill. Cause defective chimney.

Jan. 15. Residence A. W. Martin, corner High and South streets. Department called out but not needed. Cause defective flue. Loss about \$20.

February 21, 9 P. M. Fire was discovered in the shed in the rear of Daniel Whitford's barn, and worked its way into his barn, and made a stubborn fight with the steamers before it was finally subdued. Loss some \$1000.

We recommend the appropriation of \$800 for the contingent expenses of this department, and regard that sum as amply sufficient to meet all necessary supplies for the year to come, including use of telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

AZEL THOMPSON,  
GEO. W. WELLS,  
WM. BOOTH,

Engineers.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
School Committee  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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The school committee take pleasure in announcing that the schools of the town are in healthy condition, and in some respects better than ever before.

## GRADE. COURSE OF STUDY.

Since the introduction of oral teaching, by which the pupils are clearly explained the principles of a study before they can use a text book to advantage, and by which scholars in the lower classes have particular opportunities to learn much from hearing the talk to those above them,—there has been a continual raising the grade of all the schools. So that now they are twelve months ahead of the course adopted only three years ago ; and when that was printed the committee congratulated the town on the fact that a comparison of the course of study with that of ten years before showed that the schools had been brought to a much higher grade. It is sometimes said that our course of study takes too long, and reference is made to the “good old times” when scholars got “through” the high school much younger than now. It should be remembered, however, that by this raising the grade of the schools the pupils are continually getting better advantages and more instruction, although one not familiar with the course might be misled by the names of the schools. Children in all of them are doing work that was once done in the grade above. Our primary scholars are thoroughly grounded in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic—written and mental ; the intermediate

pupil becomes a master of the rules of grammar and common parsing; the grammar school does much that was formerly left for the high school, while the graduate of the high school has as good an education as would formerly have required a course of two or three years in an academy after leaving the high school.

Although some system of classification and course of study is necessary, it is the aim of the committee to use the system for the benefit of the schools, rather than to run the schools for the purpose of upbuilding and perfecting a system. Consequently we have mingled some elasticity with it, so as to favor individual ability as much as we could without doing injustice to the mass. In pursuance with this policy we publicly advertised early in the year that whenever scholars were qualified to so advance they would be allowed to "jump" a class. At the conclusion of the long summer vacation about a dozen applied for examination for advanced standing. Nearly all had studied faithfully during the vacation and were fully prepared for promotion. Thus the course was made a year shorter for them. They have all taken a creditable stand in the higher classes. If the town votes for the new school house recommended below, we shall be enabled to rearrange the course of study so as to give each teacher fewer classes. This will tend to facilitate more rapid advancement.

#### CRITICISM VS. GRUMBLING.

We are pleased that the schools have gone on very smoothly during the past year so far as freedom from any injury through adverse criticism is concerned. The town has had walking matches, roller skating and bicycles but the modern mania for abusing the public schools has not reached our quiet valley. No local Richard Grant White has declared our institutions of learning a failure; no educational agnostic has arisen in our midst to decry the work of the school room. That occasional criticisms have arisen we do not deny. It is impossible that an institution so large and including so many hundred different interests can be managed so as to suit every one. Our schools have some 1400 pupils, and no human classification can be devised which

will give just the exact amount of attention to each one of those 1400 peculiarities of taste, temper and disposition, which might seem desirable. We trust those who think they have a grievance will reflect upon this, imagine themselves for a few moments in the teacher's place, and then consider for few minutes more the committee's perplexities with all these 1400 interests demanding attention. After this if your grievance proves to be a real one, if you are sure it exists, visit the school, see its working and have a cordial, frank talk with the teacher. If trouble still continues a galling reality then go to the committee. We invite a full and free criticism of the schools by the parents or others well informed as to their workings. A plain talk may remove a misunderstanding or make you better satisfied by knowing and realizing how difficult it is to do impossibilities. But do not try to remedy the trouble by talking it over with your neighbors or by a ceaseless grumbling in shop and store; do not think the evil will grow less by letting the children know that you think the teacher has made a mistake. If the teacher feels that she has your support and sympathy she will do much better work. Hon. John D. Philbrick says that one essential means of progress in education is "judicious, honest, intelligent, disinterested criticism." But he also says that there is another kind of criticism "which has a tendency to produce an opposite effect. Its influence is obstructive and reactionary." Let us have as little as possible of the latter and as much as possible of the former. In order to secure this we hope that during the coming year the public will take more interest to find out by actual personal observation, rather than by hearsay, just what our schools are doing. Some of our brightest and best schools have scarcely a visitor from one term to another, aside from the committee and personal friends of the teacher.

#### IRREGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE. WORK IN THE MILLS.

One of the greatest hindrances to perfect school work is irregularity of attendance. This evil could often be remedied

if parents properly appreciated the merits and advantages of the schools. But unfortunately many of the youth of the place are compelled by adverse circumstances to work more or less in the factories. About one-half of our school children never go beyond the primary schools, and many of these are driven into school by the strong arm of the law. Hence their attendance is irregular while they are on the school rolls. They do not attend the primary schools to fit for the intermediate, but to get all the school education they will ever have. Consequently they ought to receive special attention from the best teachers, so that their few days in the school-room shall count as much as possible for them. With our graded and classified schools it is sometimes hard to find a place where these pupils will just fit. They must be put back or crowded too much ahead to conform to some existing class; possibly the other members may be thus prevented from advancing as rapidly as they otherwise would. By the time they get rooted, as it were, in the class—get accustomed to the routine and begin to really learn—they have to go into the mill again. A special obligation rests upon us in relation to this class of pupils. We deeply sympathize with them in the necessarily enforced abridgement of school advantages, and would like to give them the very best for the short time they are in the school-room. Would it be well to try one or two ungraded schools, or what is best to be done? The committee do not at present feel prepared to answer their own question.

#### MORE SCHOOL ROOM.

Again we have to report to the town a demand for more school room. We have during the year fitted up the upper room in the Plimpton street building and established a school there. We have also had to hire the Universalist vestry for another, and the town hall has been continued as a school room during the year. We renew, but with more emphasis, our recommendation of a year ago for a new school house on Main street, near Oakes avenue and Cross street. This should have



at least six rooms, and then all the grammar and intermediate schools could be consolidated there. Such an arrangement would give the pupils in these grades much better instruction and at a reduced expense to the town, while it will give five rooms in different parts for primary schools—two on Main street, two on School street, and one on River street. We urge immediate action on this, as the Universalist vestry and town hall are ill adapted for school rooms.

#### DRAWING.

The drawing for the year has continued under the charge of Frank Parson, C. E., who has continued the good work he has done in years past. He has much ability for this business, and has carried the drawing of the schools to such a degree of perfection that the work of many of our scholars even in the primary schools is remarkably good, and a credit to the town. If we were to make any suggestion, it would be that in the future a little more attention ought to be given to perspective and model drawing and designing, as the intent of the statute is to encourage industrial, not pictorial drawing.

Mr. Parson makes the following report :

The eclectic plan, adopted some years ago, has been continued with its usual marked success. The pupils are not drawn like wire through a guage block, but the work and instruction is as far as possible adapted specially to the genius of each scholar. This is one of the secrets of all good teaching, but it is far more easy of application in drawing than in any other department. The work has been done by the regular teachers, except in the high school, where lessons have been given by a special instructor, who has also superintended the work of the other schools.

With perhaps two exceptions the teachers have all done excellent work with the material at their disposal. I did not mean to mention names for it is difficult to accord proper praise or censure in this matter. Some schools are filled with bright eyes that from babyhood have been familiar with beautiful pictures; here the teacher does noble work in drawing. Go into other schools, you will find a sea of languid eyes, at the portals of whose sight Beauty rarely knocks for entrance, and is little heeded when she does. An equal

teacher here reaps only crooked lines and disappointment. But one success has been so marked, and in a way so vital that it must be noticed. The development of originality has been one of the year's chief aims. Miss Mary A. Pellett has met with wonderful success in this direction by persistent effort. In a class of twelve primary pupils ten will walk out into the floor and rapidly dictate to the rest a complicated figure in either bilateral or quadrilateral symmetry, composing the design as they speak. This is very gratifying, for whether in drawing or elsewhere originality is the power that moves the world; one ounce of this is worth more than 1000 pounds of machine. Teachers, let us have more of it. Till you seek it you have little idea of the vast facility of invention that lies hidden in the brain of a child. Some of you have done much to develop this great power, but really only the turf is removed from the mine; you have not got to the solid ore. Parents can materially aid the efforts of the teachers by showing a lively interest in the children's drawings and applying the stimulus of praise. People do not usually allow this department its due weight. Our power in this world depends very greatly upon having clear ideas. The vast majority of our ideas have to do with material things that have form; the discipline of mind derived from drawing is a wonderful aid to gaining clear ideas of anything possessed of form and shape. It is to be hoped that the near future may find Southbridge supplied with the means of successfully teaching model drawing.

#### ESTHETICS.

We do not like the condition of the grounds about many of the school houses. Thanks to the enterprise and thrift of our fellow-citizens, Southbridge is an uncommonly neat and beautiful village. The citizens in their corporate capacity ought to do at least as much as they do individually for the improved appearance of the place. There is no excuse for any town to have its school yards the neighborhood dumping place for ashes, or to have them ornamented with decaying brush heaps, projecting ledges, boulders, loose stones and weeds. But such a slovenly appearance is particularly out of place in a town like this. The committee of 1877-8 said: "The grounds surrounding the school houses are with few exceptions positively unsightly, and anything but a credit to the town."

## SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS.

It is difficult and of infrequent occurrence for the teachers to be got together to receive suggestions; most that is done by way of advice is the individual work of the "local" of the different schools. We therefore wish to take space here to make three general suggestions to the teachers. The first is: Try to make your scholars love school and study. Some teachers have this knack, and the result is a great advantage; other teachers, though perfectly competent to instruct, though earnest and even ambitious in their endeavors, lack the faculty of making their scholars love the school room. The result is a friction that is wearing to the nerves of both pupil and teacher. Our second suggestion is to give more attention to the pronunciation of the English language. Scholars, who are learning to read and to use words, ought to learn to give them the right names. Thirdly, we desire to call the attention of teachers to the vast moral power they hold. They ought to lose no opportunity—and there will be plenty—to sow a seed of honesty, truthfulness or reverence.

## SUPERVISION.

During the past year the committee have adopted a plan of supervision which we think is the best that has ever been in vogue here. Instead of apportioning the schools for supervision by localities as heretofore, it has been done by grades, one member taking the grammars and intermediates, another the second primaries and the third the first primaries. This plan has many advantages over the old one and we hope it will be continued. It is the next best thing to employing a superintendent, as all the schools of the same grade are under a single head, who is superintendent for that grade.

## ARITHMETICS.

Greenleaf's intellectual arithmetic, which has been a prescribed text book, we have concluded to be totally unfit for the use to which it has been put. The mathematical puzzles are intolerable. We have therefore decided on a change of arithmetics and have adopted the Franklin series, which will be found more

simple and practical. No more working out examples on paper by the help of parents or teacher, then committing the figures to memory and reciting them, under the delusion that it is mental arithmetic.

#### NEXT YEAR.

We present below the schedule of terms for next year :

	First Term.			Second Term.			Third Term.*		
	Weeks.	Begin.	Close.	Weeks.	Begin.	Close.	Weeks.	Begin.	Close.
High .....	13	April 4	July 1	15	Sept. 5	Dec. 16	12	Jan. 2, '82	Mar. 24, '82
Grammar .....	12	" 4	June 24	11	" 5	Nov. 18	13	Dec. 5,	" 3,
Intermediate .....	12	" 4	" 24	11	" 5	" 18	13	" 5,	" 10,
Primary .....	11	" 4	" 17	11	" 5	" 18	12	" 5,	" 3,
Ungraded.. .....	11	Mar. 28	" 10	11	" 5	" 18	12	" 5,	" 3,

\* One week vacation during the holidays.

#### FIRST PRIMARIES.

The rapid increase in the number of pupils in this grade has necessitated the opening of two new schools—one in the school house on Plimpton street, the other, for lack of a better place, in the vestry of the Universalist church.

We sometimes think that we ought not to expect much from the schools of this grade, and that it matters very little what young lady may be appointed teacher; but the importance of having first-class teachers in our first primary schools is making itself more evident to the committee every year as they know the great difference of attainment in the several schools. Teachers of tact, kindness and energy are as much needed in this grade of schools as in any of the higher, and only when we have those of this character can we rightly begin reducing the number of our school years. We have quite a number of this kind of teachers, (we wish there were more), at the head of which, considering the position of her school at the beginning and the result of her labors at the close of the school year, we would place Miss Mary Newell.

#### SECOND PRIMARIES.

After the pupil has acquired a good degree of facility in reading short words and the multiplication table, he is promoted



from the first to the second primary. Here he is continued in reading and spelling, and given a thorough understanding of the fundamental rules of written and mental arithmetic, besides receiving a general knowledge of geography. Oral instruction is largely used in both arithmetic and geography. There are seven schools of this grade, which are, with their teachers, as follows: Miss I. M. Brewster, Carpenter; Miss Mary Pellett, Elm street; Miss Josie M. Rice, Main street; Miss Fanny Freeman, Union street; Miss Flora B. Allen, River street; Miss Lizzie Douty, Plimpton street and Miss A. R. Rowley, School street. All are in good condition and about of equal grade. Miss Allen's is hardly up to the others, and Miss Freeman has had some difficulties to contend with that have put her school back a little. To Miss Pellett is due particular praise for the manner in which her school has advanced.

#### INTERMEDIATES.

This grade is steadily increasing. We shall have the coming year a large number enter from our first primaries. If this continues, as we hope it may, we shall find that the increase will soon reach our grammar and high school, thus giving a more healthy outlook to our public schools.

The teachers in this department have all done well. Some of them have surpassed all former efforts, and what has been said with reference to the grammar schools will apply with equal force here.

#### GRAMMAR.

Never since any member of the board has been in service have these grades taken so high a rank as the present year. Both teachers and scholars have seemed to bring every power into exercise in order to accomplish so desirable a result. A practical application is made of the study pursued, so that if the scholar is not able to continue beyond this grade, he will be very well fitted for active life. We give those schools our hearty approval.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

This school has labored under the disadvantage of having two changes of teachers. In the fall Miss Silverthorne succeeded Mr. Spooner as assistant. Miss S. is a graduate of Wellesley college, with good education and a good faculty for imparting to others what she knows. At the close of the second term of the year Mr. Mellen resigned the principalship. We were sorry that it was necessary to make a change just at the time when there was to be so much reviewing and other work incidental to the close of the school year and the graduation of a class—work which could be best done by one familiar with the school. F. M. Smith, A. B., (Yale, '80), who was engaged to do this difficult task, has succeeded very well, and the school is in good condition.

We wish there was more popular interest in, and appreciation of, the high school—that there was not such a difference between the number of scholars in the lower schools and in high school. We have a most excellent place of higher education—one which will compare favorably with even many academies; and we are sorry that such a comparatively small number of parents avail themselves of the opportunity thus freely given for the education of their children.

## UNGRADED.

Hooker, taught by Miss Clara L. Nichols, has been a good school, though small in numbers.

Sumner, taught during the last term by Mrs. Moulton, has done fairly. Mrs. Moulton gives promise of becoming an excellent teacher.

Bacon school.—There is but one scholar in this district between 5 and 15 years of age. We have maintained a school here 13 weeks, and for nine weeks more have paid the board of the single pupil in the Centre village.

Dennison school.—Mr. Wetherell labors under the disadvantage of having 26 daily recitations, and has done as well as could be expected.

Sandersdale.—Miss Remington has great tact as a teacher, and has done good work in this school.

## IN CONCLUSION.

We bespeak for the future the same indulgence that has been extended to us in the past. Our school system is not perfect, neither is it a failure. One person in looking at a landscape will see the beauties, while some unsightly pile of rubbish or other unpleasant feature may be all that another can see. And so one person may look at the schools and only carp at the defects, while another will see the excellencies and the great work that is being accomplished. He who notices the faults should do it with a view of helping to remove, rather than of gloating over them.

Respectfully,

E. M. PHILLIPS,

B. V. STEVENSON,

GEO. M. WHITAKER,

Committee.

The tabular statements of the schools are appended :

Number of children in town May 1, 1880, as per census.....	1,279
Whole number of different scholars.....	1,375
Average number.....	1,025.5
Average attendance .....	902.3
Average number per school .....	36.4
Average attendance per school.....	32
Average percent of attendance .....	88
Number of scholars over 15 years.....	35
Number of scholars under 5 years.....	6
Number of scholars between 8 and 14.....	774
Number of different teachers .....	29
Number of male teachers .....	3
Number of female teachers.....	26
Salary of teacher in high school .....	\$1,000
Salary of assistant teacher in high school per week.....	\$12 00
Average pay of teachers per week, except high school.....	\$8 10

# TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of different scholars.	Average number.	Average attendance.	Average percent of attendance.	No. of weeks of school.
High school.....	45	36	31	.86	36
Grammar—Main street.....	33	25.3	22.8	.90	36
School street.....	33	26.5	25	.94	36
Intermediate—Main street .....	52	36.2	31	.856	36
Town hall .....	51	35	31.8	.91	36
River street .....	42	37	30	.81	36
School street.....	42	37	30	.81	36
Second Primary—Main street .....	47	42.8	38.4	.897	34
Carpenter.....	40	25.2	22.7	.90	34
Elm street .....	42	30.6	27.7	.90	34
Union street .....	41	34.2	29.1	.85	34
School street.....	60	37	31.6	.85	34
Plimpton street .....	32	23	18.9	.82	34
River street.....	76	55.2	46.5	.844	34
First Primary—Main street .....	73	52.5	44.8	.85	34
Carpenter .....	68	40	35.6	.89	34
Elm street.....	56	36.5	31.4	.86	34
School street .....	76	54	49	.90	34
Plimpton street.....	10	45	42.3	.94	24
Union street.....	96	57.5	47.3	.82	24
River street, No. 1.....	76	51.3	45.7	.89	34
River street, No. 2 ... ..	42	34.6	28.2	.81	34
Hamilton street.....	40	32.1	25.5	.794	22
Ungraded—Dennison.....	46	32	28	.875	36
Hooker.....	17	11.9	10.3	.87	33
Sandersdale .....	51	44.3	42.9	.968	34
Sumner .. .....	78	42.8	34.3	.80	34
Bacon .....	10	10	9.5	.95	13
For all the schools .....	1,375	1,025.5	902.3	88	933
Average per school.....	49	36.4	32	88	33.33

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Library Committee  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# REPORT.

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The Library Committee respectfully present their eleventh annual report for the year ending February 28, 1881.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury March 1, 1880.....	\$ 157 68
Appropriation.....	1,300 00
Dog fund, 1879.....	291 85
Received by librarian for catalogues, fines, etc....	77 93
	<hr/> \$ 1,827 46

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Lee & Shepard and others for books and periodicals, paper for covering books and binding.	720 46
A. J. Comins, librarian, for services, etc....	707 77
Mutual Gaslight Co., gas for year.....	144 91
E. S. Ellis and others, for coal and wood.....	53 17
R. & W. Economy Co., desk, card case, etc.....	63 63
Cummings & Conant, repairing pipes, etc.....	27 21
G. S. Truesdell, sheathing shelves, etc....	20 95
P. M. Clarke, varnishing, etc.....	13 25
Thomas Todd, cards and printing.....	10 47
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing.....	6 95
H. Hobbs, labor on desk, etc.....	4 66
Wm. C. Barnes, record book .....	1 88
	<hr/> 1,775 31
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$ 52 15



## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance to debit of account last year.....	\$	18 65	
Expended during the year .....		720 46	
		<hr/>	\$ 739 11
Appropriation for this account.....			700 00
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Debit balance.....	\$		39 11

## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Number last year....	7,698	2,399
Added by purchase.....	358	....
Added by gifts.....	115	170
Added by commonwealth.....	4	....
Added by town officers.....	8	1
Added by magazines bound .....	36	....
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Number in Library March 1, 1881 .....	8,219	2,570

## DONORS AND GIFTS.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Hon. W. W. Rice.....	34	8
Francis W. Bacon, M. E.....	25	62
Hon. Charles L. Flint. ....	14	48
Dr. S. C. Hartwell. ....	11	....
Bernard A. Leonard... ..	6	....
J. M. Cochran, Esq.....	5	....
Holmes Ammidown, Esq.....	3	4
Geo. M. Whitaker.....	2	24
Sampson, Davenport & Co.....	2	....
American Sweedenborg Publishing Co.....	2	....
Dr. H. J. Bowditch.....	1	....
George M. Mellen.....	1	....
Charles E. Cady... ..	1	....
L. A. Clark.....	1	....
Worcester Savings Society.....	1	....
Smithsonian Institution....	1	....
Hartford Library Association.....	1	6
Pittsfield Athenæum.....	1	5
Turner Free Library, Randolph.....	1	....
North Brookfield Public Library.....	1	....
Providence Public Library....	1	....



Worcester Public Library.....	1
Concord Public Library.....	1
Leicester Public Library.....	1
Boston Public Library.....	4
Hon. Geo. F. Hoar.....	1
Rev. J. M. Avann.....	1
E. M. Phillips.....	1
A. J. Comins.....	2
Trustees of Children's Hospital, Worcester.....	1

*For the Reading Room.*

Hon. W. W. Rice—Official Gazette of United States Patent Office.

E. H. Ammidown, Esq.—Boston Commercial Bulletin, 1880-1.

F. W. Bacon—Van Nostrand's Engineering Magazine, 1881.

Geo. M. Whitaker, Editor and Proprietor—Southbridge Journal, July, 1879, to Jan., 1881.

Henry C. Gray, Editor and Proprietor—Malden Mirror from 1872.

*For the Museum.*

Dr. H. F. Leonard—An Indian stone hammer.

Herbert L. Grant—A collection of birds' eggs.

J. F. B. Litchfield—A piece of the "charter oak."

Tickets to the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.

## REMARKS.

During the year 54 volumes have been rebound, and 25 volumes have been purchased to replace those too much worn for further circulation. Of the former, 19 were from section 1 — works of fiction — and 14 from section 2 — juvenile works. Of the latter 12 were from section 1, and 11 from section 2.

By the favors of Holmes Ammidown, Esq., whose liberality in providing rooms for the library, should be held in grateful remembrance, and the generous appropriations of the town, the inhabitants of Southbridge are to be congratulated that they are now in possession of a well appointed library of more than 8000 volumes.

Many persons, whose knowledge of books makes them competent judges, pronounce it one of the very best libraries of its size in the country. The custom has been to accept all books donated, so that we have some that the committee probably would not have purchased, and many that they could not, for the terms of the lease of the rooms prohibit the purchase of books "which are partisan in politics, or denominational or sectarian in religion."

The library has been in operation ten years and three months, and the following is a tabular statement of the expense of maintaining it:

Paid for books, reviews, magazines, binding, etc.....	\$8,946 01
Librarian and assistants.....	4,706 83
Catalogues, printing, binding, etc....	1,577 79
Gas for lighting the rooms.....	1,388 28
Coal and wood for heating the same... ..	613 18
Other expenses .....	1,488 71

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Total ex penses.....\$18,720 80

It is very evident that the library is not accomplishing all the good it might and ought. By the librarian's report, which is appended, and as heretofore is made a part of our own, it will be observed that the best books are not those most read. Almost 44 percent of the books taken from the library the past year have been works of fiction. We feel like appealing more earnestly than ever to teachers of our schools, parents and all others of influence, to labor unremittingly to effect a change in the reading of many who patronize the library. It now contains a large number of excellent books, the careful reading of which will aid in acquiring an education that can never be obtained from reading novels.

No books have been lost the past year, and only four since the library was established. Two books have been so damaged by borrowers that new ones have been purchased to replace, at their expense.

To defray the expenses of maintaining the library the ensuing year, we recommend the appropriation of \$1,400 and the dog fund of 1880.

Respectfully submitted by the Library Committee,  
MANNING LEONARD,  
Secretary.

Public Library, March 7, 1881.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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In reviewing the past year we find no new feature in our progress as a library to mention. There is reason for congratulation that we have evidence of an increasing recognition of its value as an educator.

The change in the manner of reading, as well as amount and matter read, is one of the promising points to mark.

This change is particularly noticeable with regard to some of the pupils of the high school, as well as some of the schools of lower grades, who, under the supervision of their instructors, are learning to read much more carefully and wisely than hitherto. But the advance is not so great that we do not regret it is not greater. It may be argued that it is outside the province of library matters to discuss or suggest how education shall be conducted. But is not a library, rightly used, the most efficient educator within reach of the community? Should it not only aid in the elementary steps, but supplement all those steps? Is not the great mistake made in many of our educational plans that effort is made to acquire what is showy, to the exclusion of what is useful? Teachers are to a great extent like a librarian, expected to supply what is demanded. Where and how shall a reformation begin? Should not our youth first of all be taught to read critically, rather than for excitement or amusement — taught to read so as to glean the good and reject the bad — so as to learn high moral lessons from the mistakes as well as the successes of life? In what better way can this be done than by such co-operation between schools and library as shall direct and limit the reading of pupils? Can it be said our library and schools are putting forth their best endeavors for the right use

of means within their power until some plan has been adopted to bring about such a result?

We have issued from the library during the year 14,166 books. The daily average has been 46. The largest number issued any day was 142, the smallest number, 11. In addition to the books issued, an account of those used in the library has been kept, the number of which is 3,000, making the total number 17,166. 162 names have been added to our accounts, making from the opening of the library, a little more than ten years, 2453 different accounts. At the yearly examination, February 21, it was found all the books were accounted for, none having been lost. Two have been injured and paid for by the borrowers, their places being supplied with new books.

The Museum has been opened the first Monday afternoon and evening of each month, and also has been accessible other days through the kindness of one of our committee, Mr. E. M. Phillips. There have been during the year 770 visitors to this department.

The sectional record shows there have been issued of

	Volumes.	Percent.
Works of fiction.....	6,210	43.93
Juvenile works.....	3 871	27.42
Historical.....	491	3.56
Biographical....	535	3.79
Travels and description.....	688	4.96
Poetical and dramatic.....	312	2.31
Scientific and educational.....	407	2.97
Literary and esthetical.....	378	2.68
Religious and philosophical.....	144	1.02
Complete works .....	96	.69
Miscellaneous works.....	359	2.64
Magazines and reviews...	493	3.47
Agricultural. ..	57	.40
Law books (reserved).....	...	...
Public documents of Massachusetts ...	4	.02
Public documents of United States.....	4	.02
Reserved section.....	17	.12
	<hr/> 14,166	<hr/> 100.00
		10

The amount received has been for

Fines.....	\$49 61
Cards .....	8 78
Catalogues.....	12 75
Waste paper....	54
Injured books.....	2 00
Registry slips returned.....	1 25
Moses Hemingway of Charlton for taking books.....	3 00
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	\$77 93

The amount paid has been for

Express and freight ... ..	\$ 10 28
Postage.....	6 04
Mucilage, glue and twine .....	1 95
Labor and repairs.....	4 14
Material for repairing books.....	2 68
Stationery and printing.....	2 30
Rubber bands and gas lighters.....	85
Iron step and fixture and pail.....	38
Insect powder and disinfectant.....	53
Duster, brushes and brooms.....	3 48
Charcoal .....	80
Cummings & Conant, cleaning stoves and repairs.....	2 50
Mr. Hobbs, for labor.....	1 63
Cleaning .....	20 21
Care of fires, rooms and stairs .....	50 00
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	\$107 77

This amount with my salary, \$600, has been paid me by the town treasurer,

A. JEANNETTE COMINS,

Librarian.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Cemetery Committee

OF THE

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# REPORT.

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A word once fitly spoken will bear repeating, and therefore the Cemetery Committee again commend to the consideration of voters the propriety of making a moderate appropriation for cemetery improvements. The accounts show that much of the amount used last year was expended outside the grounds. The work on the walls upon Oak Ridge avenue, which was required by the deed, cost \$319.90; for work on grounds, \$164.82; for team work, \$73.59—\$558.31 of the whole sum used. The Auditors' accounts will show the items for which the remainder was expended.

It is now proposed to set the gate taken from the old cemetery front across Oak Ridge avenue and to build a new gate for the Everett street entrance, plans and estimates of which have been obtained, to prevent the use of these ways and the cemetery grounds from invasion for general travel. This gate will cost \$275, if built according to the plans. A hearse-house is also needed, and must sooner or later be provided. That in the yard can not be used for the reason that a hearse can not be got out of it now, and the hearse is not kept there at all. Plans and estimates of this have also been procured for use whenever the voters shall agree with us in the propriety of constructing it, and the expense will be \$425 above foundations.

Something this year has been done to beautify the grounds by setting out flowers in the places set apart for the purpose. This should be continued, and hardy shrubs and ornamental

trees should be provided also for the spaces designed to be used in that way as the plan shows. This will enable us to enjoy the possible beauties of the grounds, and the sooner it is commenced the earlier we shall be able to derive that pleasure from the grounds.

We again urge the proprietors of lots in the old grounds, to combine and arrange for the clearing up and grading of their lots, so that the weeds, wild grasses and bushes, and some larger growth, and the mounds and uneven surfaces, which now disfigure the lands may disappear and a smooth lawn be substituted. Scarcely anything could be done to improve the appearance of the cemetery more than this; but the work should be done by the owners, as we have no authority to act in this regard, or to interfere further than to suggest and advise in the prosecution of the work. We trust some parties will commence this improvement during the coming summer. Then, too, the farmers should agree upon a tree day, and collect and set out shade trees around the grounds as suggested last year. One day will accomplish this work, and the trees will be then growing for the beautifying of the grounds. Time is important in this respect and none should be lost.

The net receipts for lots sold last year are \$350, and the sum now in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the Cemetery Fund is \$808.25, the interest of which is available for improvement and care of grounds. All of this has been derived from the sale of lots.

During the year Holmes Ammidown has given the town \$100 to be added to this fund to secure the perpetual care of his tomb, and lot No. 247 in the old cemetery owned by Mrs. Mynott, only the income thereof being used for that purpose.

The committee has been notified that Cohasse street, laid out as required by the deed of land from R. H. Cole to the town, must be built, for which we have \$150 already appropriated. But this sum will not be sufficient to build it and fence the street as named in the deed, and at least \$100 additional appropriation should be made for this purpose.

The property in the care of this department consists of 2

hearses, 1 set of runners, 6 shovels, 1 spade, 1 pick, 2 hoes, 1 bier and pall, 2 plans of the grounds, and the old plans and books of record.

The committee would recommend for the cemetery improvement \$350, and that all other sums appropriated for any of the purposes suggested above should be made as special appropriations.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,  
Chairman of Committee.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
OF THE  
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# REPORT.

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This board, being in possession of some information not easily obtainable from the accounts as stated in the Auditors' report, submits to the attention of the voters of the town a special report. Accurate data are the only foundations for any conclusion worth adopting. We therefore feel constrained to present some statistics carefully selected.

The available funds at our disposal during the last fiscal year for repairs of highways were the appropriation made at the annual meeting of \$3500 and other receipts of \$155.42, in all amounting to \$3655.42. There was used from this to pay bills contracted previous to March 1, 1880, and unpaid \$636.15, leaving a balance for our use during the year of \$3019.27. There is a balance to the credit of this account of \$734.60, so that the sum actually expended was \$2284.67. The board purchased a yoke of cattle at a cost of \$145, working them during the season and sold them in November for \$135. The following is a summary of the expenditures, as shown by the items of our accounts:

Highway surveyor for 92 1-4 days work, \$2.50 a day	- \$	230	61
Laborers, 776 7-10 days work, \$1.25 a day	- - -	970	36
Cattle and man, 46 1-2 days, \$3 a day	- - - - -	139	50
Horses and man, 52 1-2 days, \$3.50 a day	- - - - -	235	21

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\$1,575 68

Town team, 90 3-4 days work on roads.



We invite voters to inspect the items of the expenditures for highways not here stated, as itemized in the auditors' accounts, to show how the balance of the expenditures was used.

The surveyor had charge also of two special jobs, to wit: the "Hamilton street wall" and the "Columbian hill," of which we give the summary as follows:

(1) *Hamilton street wall.*

Surveyor worked 33 1-4 days at \$2.50 a day	- - -	\$ 83 12
John Stone, laying wall 19 3-4 days at \$2 a day	- -	39 50
Hired team work filling and drawing stone	- - -	120 00
Men 151 days work	- - - - -	189 28
Town team worked 21 days.		

The balance of the \$694.16 used in this work will be found in the auditors' statement itemized.

(2) *Columbian hill.*

Surveyor worked 20 1-4 days at \$2.50 a day	- - -	\$ 50 62
Men and horses, 6 1-2 days at \$3.50 a day	- - - -	22 75
Men worked 145 days at \$1.25 a day	. - - - -	180 33
Town team worked 20 days.		

The balance of the \$285.56 used on this work will be found itemized in the auditors' statement. From these accounts it appears that the cattle worked for the town 131 3-4 days, and allowing them \$1.75 a day as a fair price for their labor, and what it would have cost the town to have hired them, they earned \$230.56. It cost to feed them till sold \$106 23, for shoeing \$6.13, for use of stalls \$6 — in all \$118.36. The loss in the sale below cost was \$10; interest on the cost for 6 months, \$4.35; making total cost of keeping, \$132.71; and deducting this from the earnings, \$230.56, leaves a net profit of \$97.85, a sum it would seem quite sufficient to pay all the risks of the ownership of the property for the six months of time they were used by the town. If a like saving could have been made on the other team work employed by the town working its own teams, about \$125 more could have been added to this profit. These statistics give point to the inquiry whether it would not be prudent

and economical for the town to own its teams, both horses and cattle, buying cattle in the spring and selling in the fall, or keeping them, as may be possible if young cattle should be bought, so as to realize a profit on their growth in compensation for the keeping, for which purpose the farm might be serviceable.

Special attention last year was given upon the main roads to the removing of stones and rocks from the road bed, to forming them so as to prevent wash, and widening the narrow places, and opening the gutters and culverts. This should be followed next season by placing in the ruts and flat places new materials, instead of attempting to use materials within the road by cutting off the shoulders, or bringing into the traveled path the waste in the gutters, which has been once dried and pulverized and thus rendered unfit for use upon the road bed. Such materials give no permanence to the roads, and though work of this kind is easy and cheap, in the long run it is expensive, and from year to year invites attention to the same places all over town. To make the roads good and to keep them so whatever has been lost must be restored, beginning with the worse spots and extending it as much as possible year after year, and thus restore our worn-out road-beds.

A single superintending Surveyor should be kept in charge of this department, for the reason that if competent at all he will have a knowledge of the work and what should be done, where and when, and in doing it will organize his corps of workmen with special regard to his service and keep them quite permanently employed, thereby securing more efficient laborers, better discipline and more valuable work for the money expended than can be obtained otherwise. It would seem to be possible for a single man with his gang of men to do such repairs as are required each year, and do the special jobs also, unless unusually large. The tools and property of the town used in the business would be kept together, and not be scattered from one section of the town to the other and possibly lost, entailing the necessity of purchasing new ones quite too frequently. This is an important branch of the public service, both because good roads are necessary and desirable, and

because, also, the expenditure is considerable annually. A policy should be established and vigorously maintained, to the end that its requirements may be reduced as near as possible to a labor account for work actually performed, although such policy excite criticism and opposition.

The plank foot walk at the Central street bridge will need attention this season, to put under proper supports. The ends of the planks next to the bridge are considerably decayed, and they have no support except the ends. One or two strings of sleepers should be put under and the ends next the bridge cut off, leaving a space which will prevent decay. The sum to be raised for bridges contemplates doing this work.

For the coming year the board regard it no part of their duty to recommend any particular special appropriations. Of all those which will demand the consideration of the voters at the annual meeting they should select the most pressing ones, remembering that each should never be separated from its effect upon the rate and burdens of taxation when not brought within the demands of necessity. Such demands should be promptly met and paid for as incurred, and simple improvements continued as the town can afford them. We must remember that our schools, our poor, our roads, our fire department, the increasing contingent expenses in the several departments, are always confronting us with expenses, which must be paid, and with our present valuation alone require a rate of \$10.50 on the thousand. The average state and county taxes add \$1.65 per thousand, and make the rate of unavoidable taxation at least \$12.15, as the list of appropriations are constituted. The question, then, is, how much are we willing to add to this rate for debt and interest accounts and for improvements? This inquiry is answered in every appropriation made beyond those named above. Without discouragement to that fair spirit of enterprise that keeps pace with our growth and provides for all its reasonable necessities, and properly supports and maintains what we have, the town should scrutinize carefully special demands in a prudent and conservative spirit. Next to this in importance the public are interested in the use of the appropriations by the officers charged

with the duty and responsibility of expending them. In their discretion and judgment are vested powers, delicate at times and always important, to be exercised exclusively in the interest of the public. With money to use only the least that will do the work—the smallest sum that will properly sustain a department—should be used and the balance saved. This rule of conduct inspects the smallest items, which often unduly increase the sum total. It is a check—a conservative force—keeping officials within appropriations, and prudent and particular in details; it scorns the private gain that, by hook or crook, can be filched from the public purse, and renders to the public a just return for its money. The town is a corporation having certain works to do, requiring money expenditures. Its officers are its agents to do such work, and the people have a right to insist that they shall be done with the same prudence, calculation and economy that sagacious business men bring to their service in managing their own affairs. Their struggle is to save, and that struggle brings success; and so it may be in town affairs. If a dollar can be cut off here and one there without serious injury, let it be done; even against the personal opinion that can not see why, possibly because it has been so in the past, and the private interest that loses the dollar which the great public gains. The study of the official is therefore to economize and save, with no possible duty to follow precedents, however long practiced or well approved, if they lead to extravagance or to unnecessary expense. His duty is conservative as a rule, and if discharged in that spirit he is liable to bring down upon him criticism, though that sometimes may be the best indication of faithful administration.

These suggestions are familiar, but their mention here derives propriety from the feeling prevailing among many of our tax payers and often expressed, that the rate of taxation stands at too high a figure. The remedy does not lie entirely with officials. Voters have their part in the impressions they give and the appropriations they make. Water will not naturally rise above its fountain head, nor boards of officers naturally strike out for themselves in directions not approved by their



constituents. When voters are frugal in their demands, and are content to accept results as better tests of faithful official service than a consideration of methods, they will give practical aid to reductions in expenditures.

Of the special appropriations last year some report should be made.

Columbian hill could only be commenced with the \$300 given us, and but a show of the possible improvement made with a sufficient sum. At least \$800 will be required to complete the work through the village as contemplated. Ledge rock confronts the workmen at every bad point in the road and upon its sides, making both widening and grading alike expensive.

Hamilton street wall has been completed, and a little surface gravel dressing upon the walk will make it a good job. The sidewalk appropriation should do this and the account be closed.

South street has had no benefit of the \$500 appropriation. The board did no work graveling, because they were unwilling to exceed the sum appropriated, which is barely sufficient to pay the damages claimed in suits pending in court when the appropriation was made—Rowley, Booth and Newell's—have settled and been paid—\$220. The suit of Isaac Clark was tried and a verdict obtained of \$142; now pending in court, and as we are advised by Mr. F. P. Goulding, our counsel, can not be sustained. This and the last board made efforts to settle this suit before trial; but failing, judged it better to resist the claim of \$300 as excessive than pay it. We estimate that graveling the points contemplated in the last appropriation, and forming an earth walk, will cost \$350.

The query may with propriety be suggested whether in extending our sidewalks upon streets outside of the limits of the business parts of our villages, it may not be best to adopt some less expensive method of constructing them than that thus far used? Is it best to impose upon abutters and the town the expense of concrete or brick coverings? Will not curbing, paved gutters and coal ash, or good gravel covering properly pu

on, costing less than 10 percent of what brick or concrete would cost, satisfy nearly all the present applicants for walks, and enable the town to do annually something to extend our walks, instead of periodically making a large appropriation for special jobs? With the proper action of the selectmen in locating such walks, the right of assessment for the brick or concrete covering that in time may be demanded, or necessary, may be saved, and the foundations obtained for something better; and in the meantime a serviceable walk will be provided in many places where something is really required now. A little money will do a good deal to improve our streets for footmen, if not indeed satisfy them that brick and concrete are not the only materials fit to cover sidewalks with, to make them satisfactory to the public—a proposition to which we have no hesitation now in giving our entire assent. One thing may be settled in the public mind already, and that is that plank walks are too expensive and too dangerous even for cheap work. We should spend no money in constructing plank walks. Experience demonstrates the unserviceability and expensive character of such materials in the long run.

Prudential considerations lead business men to pay their debts at the earliest possible day, and to keep out of debt so far as can be. The item of \$1600 for interest this year shows what it costs tax payers annually to be in debt. That sum would pay for many material conveniences if it could be saved or used for such purposes, and if we were not involved the most of it, at least \$1200 of that sum, would be available for public improvements. It would nearly support the high school. Frugality warns us therefore to get out of debt and keep out of it, and pay as we advance, without shifting to the shoulders of others burdens which actually starve and cramp ourselves. No business corporation, with our present resources, would consent a moment to carry a debt of \$20,000 longer than it would take to turn them to its payment. Why should the town do so? It may, but does not reason and business experience alike teach us that its possibility should be the constantly revolving signal of danger in

our course to be avoided? The town has paid \$14,406 for interest alone since 1871, and can any voter point to one thing the town has to show for this money, one benefit or advantage gained by the expenditure — what monument to its glory.

The school houses and the new streets that our advancing prosperity and growth demand, at times call for expenditures unusual in amount, and quite enough to please tax payers. But with debts upon us we are weaker to meet them than we should be without, and more likely in meeting such exigencies to increase our indebtedness than we otherwise should be. It is easier to secure financial strength by prompt payment than by any other course. Voters should make these business axioms rules of action in town affairs, in which they hold the key for a wise solution of them.

In connection with payment it occurs to us to suggest that voters should hold their officers as the by-laws do to a strict responsibility in accounting for the obligations they contract each year in their several departments. Unreported outstanding debts of any considerable sums should not be overlooked, for the reason that a system which tolerates it keeps our appropriations at the mercy of demands which should have been paid, and robs us of funds actually required for present necessities; the town never knows where it stands, what sums to appropriate, or what it needs. And there is no difficulty in avoiding this, in most cases and in all of any great importance, or amounts, and they are all essential to a fair exhibit of the accounts each year.

#### TAX COLLECTORS' ACCOUNTS.

*Subscribed Thayer, Collector of Taxes, 1873, '4, '5, '9.*

The Treasurer's accounts show as due from Mr.

Thayer upon taxes,	-	-	-	\$1,364 77
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This sum is accounted for as follows:

Whole amount of taxes of 1879,	-	\$33,783 76
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Balance of uncollected taxes of years 1873,	351 35
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\$36,137 11



Amount of cash paid treasurer,	-	\$34,941 34
Certificate of abatement on taxes of		
1873, '4, '5,	- - -	349 98
Certificate of abatement on taxes of 1879,		241 16
Order of Selectmen for salary,	-	175 00
		<hr/> \$35,707 48
Balance due from Collector,	- -	<hr/> \$429 63

which we find to be the amount of unpaid taxes, chiefly poll taxes, for the year 1879, some of which are collectable and some not, but accounting for all deficiencies.

We do not regard it best to call in this warrant yet, because some of this sum will no doubt be collected, and assurances of payments have been given warranting delay in closing the account by abatement or otherwise.

*H. W. Bacon, Collector of Taxes, 1880.*

The Assessors' returns to the Treasurer show		
the assessment of	- - -	\$55,772 89
And deducting therefrom the sums collected and		
discounts the Treasurer's accounts show in the		
hands of the Collector,	- - -	4,954 54
But this is not the true sum, there being only	-	1870 55

This balance being accounted for in unpaid taxes. The actual deficiency in the money assessed is \$3,083.99, arising from an error in the rate fixed for the assessment. This deficiency just equals the bank tax, which was omitted from the sum to be raised and the sum upon which the rate was calculated. We give below a summary of the assessment:

Valuation.		Taxes to be assessed.	
Real estate,	- \$2,045,874	Town appropriations,	\$45,641 00
Personal estate,	1,002,645	State tax,	- 2,625 00
	<hr/>	County tax,	- 2,546 00
Total,	- \$3,048,519		<hr/>
		Total,	- \$50,812 00

\$16 per \$1000 on			
\$3,048,519,	\$48,776 30	Overlayings, -	\$621 32
Tax on 1328 polls,			
at \$2.00 each, -	2,656 00		
Total, -	51,432 30		
Fraction difference,	1 02		
	\$51,433 32		51,433 32

The Assessors included also watch district tax, -	700 00
Overlayings, - - - - -	4 42

And committed same to Collector, making the sum of	52,137 74
And the bank tax of - - - - -	3,083 99

	55,221 73
The Assessors assessed on omitted property and polls,	551 16

As the tax lists were originally made up,	
Which, added, makes up the sum purported to be as-	
essed and collected, - - - - -	55,772 89
But the bank tax being omitted, as above stated, re-	
sults in a deficiency of - - - - -	3,083 99

The Treasurer should be instructed to adjust these accounts and correct his books to meet the error.

Some discussion has been had as to the proper way of closing the Collector's accounts, which stand sometimes too long, perhaps unsettled on the books of the Treasurer, conveying to the voter impressions unjust to the Collector, by showing a fictitious balance against him. These balances may generally be considered and are usually uncollected taxes, and for the most part worthless. It is plain that the simple and proper way to adjust the Collector's accounts is to have the worthless and uncollectable taxes abated by the Assessors, who are a continuous board for the performance of all the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of the statutes. The town can not abate taxes nor

assess them. That authority belongs to the Assessors only. Their rights do not die with the board, but survive to their successors in office, who may abate taxes assessed by a previous board composed of different persons, of years before, or reassess omitted or illegally assessed taxes of such previous boards within the period named in the statutes, and certificates of abatement are valid in discharging the Collector, when so granted. The case of Hubbard vs. Garfield, 102 Mass., 72, declares that "the Assessors constitute a tribunal with powers which imply a continued and uninterrupted existence, not limited to the individuals who at the time compose it," were it not so many of the statute provisions granting authority to them would be absolutely nugatory and inoperative, by each election in which the same individuals are not retained in office. With abatement certificates the Collector may settle his accounts with the proper officers and keep his accounts with the Treasurer so as to show precisely the standing of his accounts, and avoid unreal charges against him.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN TATTERSON,  
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,  
THOMAS SANDERS,  
Selectmen.



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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# UNPAID TAXES.

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Auglen James	\$2 00	Bashaw Charles	2 00
Abbott Joseph	2 00	Brocwell William	2 00
Akey Cyril	2 00	Backume Andrew	2 00
Archerson Albert	3 60	Belrom Joseph	2 00
Baylies Albert	2 00	Brooks John	2 00
Bourque Joseph	11 60	Bebo Alexander	2 00
Bracket Joseph	4 00	Barnbard Alfred	2 00
Brennon Patrick	2 00	Burke John	2 00
Bonner John	2 00	Bordeau Albert	2 00
Bouvia Joseph	2 00	Bordeau Gilbert	2 00
Boutelle Richard	2 00	Bates Oscar	2 00
Bushen Amable	2 00	Butterfield William J	2 00
Bushen Calcx	2 00	Betram Thomas	2 00
Bushen Dirnelense	2 00	Betram Joseph	2 00
Bergis Francis	2 00	Belleuger Frank II	2 00
Buckley John	2 00	Bacon Frank II	2 00
Breen Michael	2 00	Bridget Martin	2 00
Burns Thomas	2 00	Chamberlain A M	84 88
Brunell Henry	2 00	Collins Breen	2 00
Bassett Mason	2 00	Cantara Oliver	2 00
Bushen Charles	2 00	Condon Patrick	2 00
Bushen Alfred	2 00	Col.ety Michael	2 00
Bassett Henry	2 00	Carey Andrew	2 00
Boker Frank	2 00	Conroy John	2 00
Bassett Frank	2 00	Capelet Peter	2 00
Bowers Fred	2 00	Cabill Cornelius	2 00
Bowers Harris	2 00	Clarke John C	2 00
Bargone Frank	2 00	Clarke Joseph	2 00
Bebo Peter	2 00	Clarke Charles M	2 00



Cozzens F C	2 00	Duplice Anthony	2 00
Cady Joseph	2 00	Densmore A E	2 00
Connelly Edward	2 00	Dislourie Edward, Jr	2 00
Carbenean Joseph	2 00	Demarchain Nicholas	2 00
Connell Patrick	2 00	Dennette Oliver	2 00
Cain Robert	2 00	Duprez Peter	2 00
Cain Robert, Jr	2 00	Dennis Lewis	2 00
Cruff Charles	2 00	Douty William L	2 00
Clarke Peter P	2 00	Duffee Francis	2 00
Clark Henry F	2 00	Earle Martin	2 00
Coleman J M	2 00	Easdon Robert	2 00
Croma Robert	2 00	Edwards Edwin	2 00
Cadette John	2 00	Farquher John	4 80
Cadette Eli	2 00	Faro William	2 00
Capistrand Joseph	2 00	Flood John	5 20
Conaint John B	2 00	Felton Will am S	2 00
Carbens Florence	2 00	Fanoff Baltic	2 00
Clemence Frank	2 00	Farlien Dennis	2 00
Clark Frank J	2 00	Fanoff Peter	2 00
Cutting Theodore	2 00	Franklin James	2 00
Cockeran John	2 00	Fanoff Fabner	2 00
Carney Cornelius	2 00	Fontaine John	2 00
Dresser A K	44 80	Fritzfar Exenie	2 00
Dresser George A	66 00	Fellows William S	2 00
Dumas Peter	2 00	Freland Alonzo	2 00
Dennis Peter	2 00	Felix Joseph, Jr	2 00
Dehon Joseph	2 00	Gomo John	2 00
Darrair Saul	2 00	Gomo Abrobens	2 00
Doolen Thomas	2 00	Gomo Rainie	2 00
Donnelly Patrick	2 00	Goodro Lewis	2 00
Day Stephen	2 00	Goodro Octave	2 00
Degrenny Andrew	2 00	Gargon John	2 00
Durfee D Henry	2 00	Grenier Maxillere	2 00
Douie Joseph	2 00	Grenier John	2 00
Dodd Martin	2 00	Green John	2 00
Dumerce Calixta	2 00	Gill Richard	2 00
Dumerce Daniel	2 00	Gilbert Anthony	2 00
Ducatt Edward, Jr	2 00	Geroux John	2 00
Ducle Daren	2 00	Ganion Louis	2 00
Deslauries Edward	2 00	Godier Napoleon	2 00
Ducatt Napoleon	2 00	Godape John	2 00
Desonin Lewis	2 00	Goodroe Peter	2 00
Defoe Peter	2 00	Gregory Charles	2 00
Dumas Gregwell	2 00	Gauthier Exgen	2 00

Goodro Joseph	2 00	Johnson George W	2 00
Gaudette Charles	2 00	Johnson Jerome	2 00
Gauthier Dennis	2 00	Kelley William	2 00
Griswold Leander	2 00	Kies T D	2 00
Gervais Peter	2 00	Kinney John	2 00
Ganivice Maxim	2 00	Kennedy David	2 00
Gregon Joseph	2 00	Kennedy Patrick	2 00
Green John	2 00	Keef John	2 00
Gonyeon Pierre	2 00	Keef Michael	2 00
Gamash Nicholas	2 00	Keef Patrick	2 00
Green Norman	2 00	Kaskie Joseph	2 00
Grant Thomas	2 00	Keough John	2 00
Grant Michael	2 00	Kenney Albert	2 00
Grant William	2 00	Longsway Joseph	20 06
Hodges Lawrence, Jr	2 00	Lovely Lewis	5 20
Hyde Charles	6 40	Longsway Peter	2 00
Hanly Patrick	2 00	Lapland Albert	2 00
Hogan Edward	2 00	Lapland Lewis	2 00
Hogan Joul	2 00	La Breen Anthony	2 00
Herbendeen Benjamin	2 00	Longsway Alex	2 00
Hicky Michael	2 00	Lovely Alex	2 00
Hougan Patrick	2 00	Laflume Felix	2 00
Holmes Fred L	2 00	Lovely Peter	2 00
Hoyl Charles	2 00	Lamone Paul	2 00
Hunt L A	2 00	Larigreve Francais	2 00
Hyde Alvah	2 00	Littleton Michael	2 00
Holden Thomas 2d	2 00	Link Frank	2 00
Holden Patrick	2 00	Lane Daniel	2 00
Holden Daniel 2d	2 00	Lovely William	2 00
Holden James	2 00	Laduke Moses	2 00
Hayes John	2 00	Lovely Joseph 2d	2 00
Halloran William	2 00	Lemone Paul	2 00
Holland James	2 00	Larochelle Peter	2 00
Hanna James	2 00	Lovely Lewis 2d	2 00
Higgins Andrew	2 00	Lareum Antoine	2 00
Hall Charles	2 00	Lapage Eaton	2 00
Henry Thomas	2 00	Locock Samuel	2 00
Hall Willard	2 00	Laduke Tellis	2 00
Hannon Patrick	2 00	Lamott Peter	2 00
Handy Daniel	2 00	Lamott Levi	2 00
Hanly William	2 00	Lamott Mason	2 00
Hadley Frank	2 00	Lamott Baptiste	2 00
Jervais Joseph	2 00	Lamone Peter	2 00

Lareaux Maguire	2 00	Miller Frank	2 00
Lamont Nelson	2 00	Minor James	2 00
Lynch Thomas	2 00	Murphy Edward	2 00
Larger David	2 00	Martells Isador	2 00
Lovely Charles	2 00	Morris Jerry	2 00
Lamoine James	2 00	Morris Jerry, Jr	2 00
Lapratt Joseph	2 00	Morris Moses	2 00
Lovely Albert	2 00	Martin Peter	2 00
Lamoul Froncie	2 00	Marcear Lewis E	2 00
Longsway Joseph	2 76	Medely Walter	2 00
Lemire Onesimer	2 00	McKenna Barney	2 00
Lavvich Tellis	2 00	McKenna Michael	2 00
Lovely Gilbert	2 00	Murray James J	2 00
Lavois Henry	2 00	Mahony Frank	2 00
Lescault Igneus	2 00	Mony Joseph	2 00
Mansfield Thomas	3 60	Newell Samuel	21 82
Marsh Fitz Henry	2 00	Neddo Lewis	2 00
Morrisy John J	2 00	O'Bryan Michael 2d	2 00
Meagher Patrick	2 00	Onga Freeland	2 00
Melony John	2 00	Onga Charles	2 00
Martin Nicholas	2 00	Olden Joseph	2 00
Megow Roderick	2 00	Oakes Oliver	2 00
Mannalt Mosel	2 00	O'Bryan Jerry	2 00
Marhalland Nicholas	2 00	O'Bryan Michael	2 00
Monnohan Michael	2 00	Phillips Curtis Est	32 00
McCarty John, Jr	2 00	Prue Francis	11 10
McCarty Martin	2 00	Parker John	2 00
Murphy James	2 00	Peppard John	2 00
McRemis John J	2 00	Pendergrast Patrick J	2 00
Marchassault Moses	2 00	Parent Daniel	2 00
Murry Charles	2 00	Patrue Joseph	2 00
Murphy W H	2 00	Patuor David	2 00
Meagher Patrick	2 00	Pellington Peter	2 00
McCorruh John	2 00	Phillips Furgur Jr	2 00
Manning Owen	2 00	Prue John	2 00
Mannier Luke	2 00	Paron Felix	2 00
Mannier Thomas	2 00	Pare Joseph	2 00
McGee William	2 00	Part John H	2 00
Maynard Albert	2 00	Patvin Lewis	2 00
Montaille Noer	2 00	Prue Joseph D	2 00
Marchassault Bemas	2 00	Pellett C H	2 00
Martin Henry	2 00	Parker Henry	2 00
McCambridge Daniel	2 00	Parrint Edward	2 00

Patnor Joseph	2 00	Spooner Frank	2 00
Prue Joseph E	2 00	Suprenault Lewis	2 00
Peliquin Pierre	2 00	Stevens George	2 00
Peliquin Peter	2 00	Stevens Lyman	2 00
Palven Paul	2 00	Scarboro Flavia	2 00
Passenoe Benjamin	2 00	Scarboro Flavia, Jr	2 00
Powers William 2d	2 00	Stone Victor	2 00
Rivers Joseph	5 00	Stone John	2 00
Reno John	2 00	St Martin Lewis	2 00
Rivers Lewis	2 00	Shannon Eugene	2 00
Ryan Dennis	2 00	Sammons Charles S	2 00
Ritchie Frank	2 00	Sawyer John	2 00
Reynolds George	2 00	Sherman Eugene	10 40
Reynolds Munroe	2 00	Tobin John	2 00
Rabideen James	2 00	Tatro Jaques	2 00
Ryan James	2 00	Tatro Treffeley	2 00
Reopal Leander	5 20	Tatro Henry	2 00
Robilard John	2 00	Top Peter	2 00
Robilard John Jr	2 00	Thimblin Anthony	2 00
Rivers Lewis	2 00	Tarrio Joseph	2 00
Reed Joseph	2 00	Tracy Peter	2 00
Roberts Godfrey	2 00	Talbot Charles	2 00
Robedeau Joseph	2 00	Thompson Charles	2 00
Round Albert	2 00	Thompson Eber	2 00
Rescoe Lewis	2 00	Varrey Frank	2 00
Ritchie Joseph	2 00	Viall Henry	2 80
Seavey Frank	2 00	Vurchills Joseph	2 00
Shannan Patrick	2 00	Valender Narcis	2 00
Suprenalt Francis	2 00	Ward Thomas	2 00
Stone Joseph	2 00	Whelan Martin	2 00
Shaw Frank	2 00	Ward Patrick	2 00
Shaw Lewis	2 00	Weld John	2 00
Shaw Lewis 2d	2 00	Weld Thos 2d	2 00
Shey Thomas	2 00	Wright James	2 00
Sinclair Peter	2 00	Wilcox Henry	2 00
Shaw William	2 00	White Edmund	2 00
Smith J O	2 00	Warren E C	2 00
Stone Charles	3 20	Webster Willie	2 00
Shepard Nelson	2 00	Williams John	2 00
Shepard Joseph	2 00	Warren Edward	2 00
Simpson Exavio	2 00	Wright James	2 00
Stone Vetolin	2 00	Whitman Nelson	2 00
Suprenault Reni	2 00	Wesson James	2 72

## UNPAID TAXES.

Toushgeusk C	2 00	Southbridge Brick Co	124 80
Wm Edwards' Sons	122 80		

## NON-RESIDENTS.

Buck E A, Ashford, Ct	28 00	Spicer Albert	1 60
Edwards Geo, Dudley	80	Bancroft A M, Eastford, Ct	3 20
Vinton Dwight, Dudley	1 60		

## OMITTED TAXES.

Hyde Isaac P	9 60	Chamberlain Oscar T	2 00
Clemence J L & L D	3 20	Ryan John P	2 00
Passeno Jerry	2 00	Keeno John	2 00
Hager Wm D	2 00	Phillips Frank	2 00
Davis Lucien	2 00	Corbin W W	2 00

Total .....\$ 1,431 47

Made up as follows:

389 Polls, \$2 ... ..\$ 778 00

Property taxes..... 618 54

Non-resident taxes..... 35 20

————— 1,431 74

Balance collected since accounts closed, \$438 81

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN CLERK,  
AND  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
Town of Southbridge.

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# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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## INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY WITH DATE OF EXPIRATION OF POLICIES.

Amount insured.	Property insured.	When expiring.
\$2,500.	Town house .....	May 1, 1881
600.	School-house, Bacon district .....	June 1, 1881
3,000.	Books, etc., library .....	July 1, 1881
1,000.	Books, etc., library .....	July 1, 1881
1,600.	School-house, Elm street .....	Sept'r 1, 1881
2,200.	School-house, Sandersdale .....	Dec'r 1, 1881
2,000.	School-house, Main street.....	Jan'y 1, 1882
1,500.	Town hall, Elm street .....	Feb'y 1, 1882
600.	School-house, Sumner district.....	April 1, 1882
2,000.	School-house, Union street.....	Nov'r 1, 1882
2,500.	Library building .....	Nov'r 1, 1882
2,692.	Town-farm buildings, stock, etc .....	Dec'r 1, 1882
2,000.	School-house, Main street....	Jan'y 1, 1883
2,500.	School-house, School street.....	Nov'r 1, 1883
1,200.	School-house, River street.....	Nov'r 1, 1883
600.	School-house, Hooker district..	April 1, 1885
2,000.	New almshouse .....	Jan'y 1, 1886
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\$30,492.	Total amount of property insured.	

There is no insurance on the police station, engine-houses, engines, hose and furniture, town clock, school-house in Dennison district and Morris-street school-house.

It will be noticed by the foregoing schedule that there are two school-houses that remain uninsured, and that there are six more on which the insurance expires the coming year. I see no reason why that the liability to burn is not the same with these as those insured; therefore, I would recommend to the town to appropriate money enough to insure all of the school-houses or else not reinsure those expiring the coming year,

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages, Births and deaths in town from January 1, 1880, to  
January 1, 1881.

Number of marriages .....	56
American, 30; French, 19; Irish, 6; African, 1.	
Number of births.....	216
American parentage, 30; French, 150; Irish 34; German, 2.	
Number of deaths .....	119
Americans, 26; French, 57; Irish, 31; Scotch, 3; English, 2.	
Number of dogs licensed from April 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881 ....	168
Males, 154; females.	

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY A. MORSE,  
Town Clerk.

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING, 1881.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.  
WORCESTER SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge. Greeting.*

In the name of the commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the fourth day of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year—the Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, Library Committee, Cemetery Committee, Auditors and Constables will be voted for on one ballot; and the polls will be kept open until 2 o'clock P. M., unless the meeting shall otherwise determine.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts, Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Engineers, School Committee, Library Committee, and Cemetery Committee, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town bills and charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the selectmen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will allow the usual discount on taxes, excepting the taxes assessed on polls, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the means for collecting taxes which the Treasurer when appointed a Collector may use, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the town in anticipation of the taxes to be assessed the current year, and to give the notes of the town therefor, payable out of such taxes, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will transfer the following accounts, to wit. \$19.08 from Marcy street walk and \$26.07 from Main street walk to Main and Pleasant street walk, and \$5.81 from Hamilton street walk and \$.28 from Main street walk to the credit of sidewalks.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay firemen, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to defray the expenses of the observance of decoration day, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to renew, replace or pay any existing debts of the town, and to give the notes of the town therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to settle with the Collector of Taxes for the year 1880, and adjust the accounts for such collections and allow to said Collector such credit as he shall be entitled to receive, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will build the following new sidewalks—On Pleasant street from Canal to N. W. corner of estate of Chester Curtis, deceased; on Hamilton street from Union church to the store of J. S. Gleason; on Everett from Main to the Cemetery avenue, and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 16. "To see whether the town will by its vote or otherwise ask the legislature to extend to women, who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens," or act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," the check list being used, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to purchase lamp-posts and lanterns to be placed as follows: one on Pine street, one on Dresser street and two on Chapin street, and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to build a new school house, locate the same and purchase land therefor, to raise and appropriate money for the same, or act thereon.